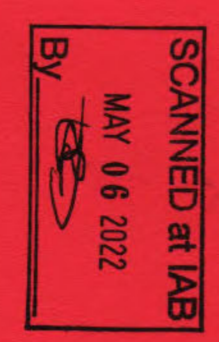




LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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Incident Date: April 13, 2020
Department Knowledge: April 13, 2020
Statute Date: Pending

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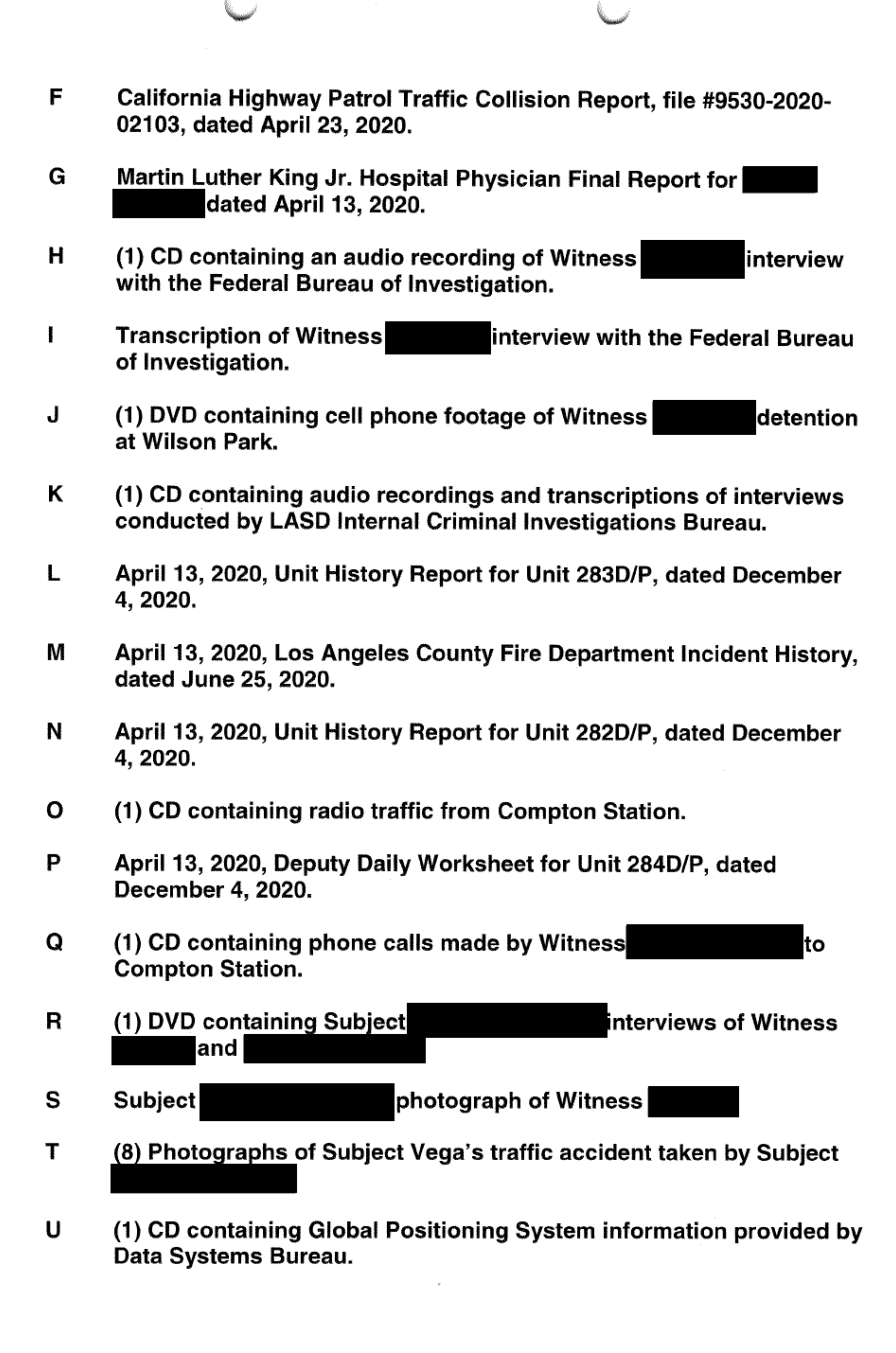
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L April 13, 2020, Unit History Report for Unit 283D/P, dated December 4, 2020.

M April 13, 2020, Los Angeles County Fire Department Incident History, dated June 25, 2020.

N April 13, 2020, Unit History Report for Unit 282D/P, dated December 4, 2020.

O (1) CD containing radio traffic from Compton Station.

P April 13, 2020, Deputy Daily Worksheet for Unit 284D/P, dated December 4, 2020.

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V April 13, 2020, Global Positioning System timestamp for Unit 284D/P at Wilson Park.

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X (1) DVD containing cell phone footage and photographs provided by Witness [redacted] and Witness [redacted]

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Supplemental Report, file #920-04690-2822-399, dated April 14, 2020.

(1) CD containing Compton Station incident reports for Wilson Park between April 22, 2019, and April 11, 2020.

Administrative Investigation Interview Request to [redacted]  dated September 14, 2020.

Letter from ACE Law Firm to Captain William Jaegar, dated October 2, 2020.

Email from ACE Law Firm to IAB investigators, dated October 12, 2020.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Office Correspondence from Captain William Jaeger to Captain Judy Anderson, dated November 23, 2020.

Request for Criminal Monitor, dated December 8, 2020.

Compton Station PM Shift In-service, dated April 13, 2020.

Subject of Administrative Investigation Notification Forms, dated July 6, 2020.

Subject of Administrative Investigation Notification Form, dated May 5, 2021.

Administrative Rights - Subject Forms.

Lybarger Admonishment Form.

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Request for IAB Investigation Form, dated June 24, 2020.

Request for IAB Investigation Form, dated May 5, 2021.

Manual of Policy and Procedures 3-01 / 030.10 Obedience to Laws, Regulations and Orders.

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Manual of Policy and Procedures 3-01 / 100.35 Dishonesty / False Information in Department Records.

AUDIO / VIDEO TRACKING SHEET

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Investigator's Name:	Sergeant Morales
Total number of DVD's:	3
Total number of compact discs:	7
Total number of digital audio files:	12

DIGITAL AUDIO FILES

Job Number	Name
	1 - Witness Charlie Garzon
	2 - Witness Nestor Sandoval
	3 - Witness Nicholas Schaper
	4 - Witness [redacted]
	5 - Subject Miguel Vega (2 files)
	6 - Subject Christopher Hernandez
	7a - Subject [redacted] - 1st Interview
	7b - Subject [redacted] - 2nd Interview (4 files)

DVD / COMPACT DISCS

Interviews	(1) CD containing interview transcripts and recorded interviews.
Exhibit	**Contents**
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PERSONNEL INVESTIGATION FORM

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
PERSONNEL INVESTIGATION

DATE	No. OF SUBJECTS	UNIT(S) INVOLVED	I.A.B. FILE No.
05/24/21	3	Compton Station / Central Patrol Division	2511757

MANUAL SECTIONS ALLEGEDLY VIOLATED (BY TITLE AND No.)
Obedience to Laws, Regulations and Orders, 3-01 / 030.10 MPP
Safeguarding Persons in Custody, 3-01 / 040.97 MPP
Dishonesty / False Information in Department Records, 3-01 / 100.35 MPP

DATE, TIME, DAY OF OCCURRENCE: April 13, 2020, 1433 Hours, Monday
RELATED URN FILE No. IF APPLICABLE: 920-00071-2003-441
LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: [redacted] East 129th Street, Compton CA. 90222

SOURCE OF COMPLAINT: ☐ COMMUNITY ☒ SUPERVISION W/C REPORT No. ____ ☐ OTHER SOURCES (SPECIFY) ____

SUBJECT No. 1 OF 3 — LAST NAME: Vega — FIRST NAME: Miguel — M.I.: A. — RANK OR TITLE: Deputy Sheriff — EMP. No. [redacted]44
UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: Compton Station — DATE ASSIGNED: 09/17/17 — DIVISION OR REGION: Central Patrol Division
STATUS OF SUBJECT: ☐ CONTINUING ON DUTY ☒ RELIEVED OF DUTY - REASSIGNED TO: ____ ☐ OTHER ____

SEX	RACE	HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	D.O.B.	AGE
M	H	Black	Brown	5'08"	190	[redacted]	30

DATE OF HIRE: 01/29/09 — DATE APPOINTED TO RANK: 02/23/14 — INTERVIEW AUDIO RECORDED, REFER TO: JOB NUMBER ____ DATE 10/19/20 JOB NUMBER ____ DATE ____

PREVIOUS FOUNDED INVESTIGATIONS

DATE	I.A.B. FILE No.	MANUAL SECTION(S) VIOLATED	DISCIPLINE
10/02/18	IV 2444676	Obedience to Laws, Regulations and Orders, 3-01 / 030.10 MPP	Suspension (4)
		Performance to Standards, 3-01 / 050.10 MPP	

SUBJECT No. 2 OF 3 — LAST NAME: Hernandez — FIRST NAME: Christopher — M.I.: B. — RANK OR TITLE: Deputy Sheriff — EMP. No. [redacted]97
UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: Compton Station — DATE ASSIGNED: 07/01/18 — DIVISION OR REGION: Central Patrol Division
STATUS OF SUBJECT: ☐ CONTINUING ON DUTY ☒ RELIEVED OF DUTY - REASSIGNED TO: ____ ☐ OTHER ____

SEX	RACE	HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	D.O.B.	AGE
M	H	Black	Brown	6'04"	220	[redacted]	35

DATE OF HIRE: 04/25/07 — DATE APPOINTED TO RANK: 08/30/07 — INTERVIEW AUDIO RECORDED, REFER TO: JOB NUMBER ____ DATE 10/19/20 JOB NUMBER ____ DATE ____

PREVIOUS FOUNDED INVESTIGATIONS

DATE	I.A.B. FILE No.	MANUAL SECTION(S) VIOLATED	DISCIPLINE
01/23/18	IV 2403515	Obedience to Laws, Regulations and Orders, 3-01 / 030.10 MPP	Suspension (5)
		Performance to Standards, 3-01 / 050.10 MPP	
		Security, 3-07 / 210.25 MPP	
10/13/10	IV 2255898	General Behavior, 3-01 / 030.05	Suspension (15)

CODE: C - COMPLAINANT, W - WITNESS — ADDITIONAL COMPLAINANTS, WITNESSES, OR SUBJECTS ON SUPPLEMENTAL PAGES ☒ YES ☐ NO

CODE W — No. 1 OF 19 — LAST NAME: Garzon — FIRST NAME: Charlie — M.I.: F. — SEX: M — RACE: H — D.O.B.: Adult
RESIDENCE ADDRESS (CIVILIAN WITNESSES ONLY): Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department — RES. PHONE (AREA CODE): ( )
BUSINESS ADDRESS OR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: Compton Station — CDL OR LASD EMPLOYEE NO.: [redacted]39 — BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE): (310) 605-6500
INTERVIEW AUDIO RECORDED, REFER TO: JOB NUMBER ____ DATE 11/18/20 JOB NUMBER ____ DATE 03/16/21

CODE W — No. 2 OF 19 — LAST NAME: Sandoval — FIRST NAME: Nestor — M.I.: I. — SEX: M — RACE: H — D.O.B.: Adult
RESIDENCE ADDRESS (CIVILIAN WITNESSES ONLY): Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department — RES. PHONE (AREA CODE): ( )
BUSINESS ADDRESS OR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: Compton Station — CDL OR LASD EMPLOYEE NO.: [redacted]49 — BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE): (310) 605-6500
INTERVIEW AUDIO RECORDED, REFER TO: JOB NUMBER ____ DATE 11/18/20 JOB NUMBER ____ DATE 03/16/21

PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR: Morales, Joseph — RANK: Sergeant — EMP. No. [redacted]91 — APPROVED: [signature] — DATE: 05/27/2021
ASSISTING INVESTIGATOR: ____ — RANK: ____ — EMP. No. ____ — DATE SUBMITTED: ____

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SUBJECT No. 3 OF 3	LAST NAME [redacted]	FIRST NAME [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]	RANK OR TITLE Sergeant	EMP No. [redacted]43

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT Compton Station	DATE ASSIGNED 05/05/19	DIVISION OR REGION Central Patrol Division

STATUS OF SUBJECT
☐ CONTINUING ON DUTY ☐ RELIEVED OF DUTY - REASSIGNED TO: ______ ☒ OTHER Assigned to home

SEX	RACE	HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	D.O.B.	AGE
M	H	Black	Brown	5'07"	220	[redacted]	37

DATE OF HIRE	DATE APPOINTED TO RANK	INTERVIEW AUDIO RECORDED, REFER TO:
04/12/06	05/05/19	JOB NUMBER ____ DATE 11/18/20 JOB NUMBER ____ DATE 05/20/21

PREVIOUS FOUNDED INVESTIGATIONS

[redacted]

SUBJECT No. OF	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.I.	RANK OR TITLE	EMP No.

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT	DATE ASSIGNED	DIVISION OR REGION

STATUS OF SUBJECT
☐ CONTINUING ON DUTY ☐ RELIEVED OF DUTY - REASSIGNED TO: ______ ☐ OTHER ______

SEX	RACE	HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	D.O.B.	AGE

DATE OF HIRE	DATE APPOINTED TO RANK	INTERVIEW AUDIO RECORDED, REFER TO:
		JOB NUMBER ____ DATE ____ JOB NUMBER ____ DATE ____

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SUBJECT No. OF	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.I.	RANK OR TITLE	EMP No.

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT	DATE ASSIGNED	DIVISION OR REGION

STATUS OF SUBJECT
☐ CONTINUING ON DUTY ☐ RELIEVED OF DUTY - REASSIGNED TO: ______ ☐ OTHER ______

SEX	RACE	HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	D.O.B.	AGE

DATE OF HIRE	DATE APPOINTED TO RANK	INTERVIEW AUDIO RECORDED, REFER TO:
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PREVIOUS FOUNDED INVESTIGATIONS

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CODE	No.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.I.	SEX	RACE	D.O.B.
W	3 OF 19	Schaper	Nicholas	A.	M	W	Adult

RESIDENCE ADDRESS (CIVILIAN WITNESSES ONLY)	RES. PHONE (AREA CODE)
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	( )
BUSINESS ADDRESS OR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT / CDL OR LASD EMPLOYEE NO.	BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE)
Compton Station / [redacted]42	(310) 605-6500

INTERVIEW AUDIO RECORDED, REFER TO: JOB NUMBER ______ DATE 10/30/20 JOB NUMBER ______ DATE 03/16/21

CODE	No.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.I.	SEX	RACE	D.O.B.
W	4 OF 19	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	M	W	Adult

RESIDENCE ADDRESS (CIVILIAN WITNESSES ONLY)	RES. PHONE (AREA CODE)
California Highway Patrol	( )
BUSINESS ADDRESS OR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT / CDL OR LASD EMPLOYEE NO.	BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE)
19700 Hamilton Ave, Torrance CA. / [redacted]	(424) 551-4000

INTERVIEW AUDIO RECORDED, REFER TO: JOB NUMBER ______ DATE 12/02/20 JOB NUMBER ______ DATE ______

CODE	No.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.I.	SEX	RACE	D.O.B.
W	5 OF 19	Franco	Valerie	G.	F	H	Adult

RESIDENCE ADDRESS (CIVILIAN WITNESSES ONLY)	RES. PHONE (AREA CODE)
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	( )
BUSINESS ADDRESS OR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT / CDL OR LASD EMPLOYEE NO.	BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE)
Compton Station / [redacted]16	(310) 605-6500

INTERVIEW AUDIO RECORDED, REFER TO: JOB NUMBER ______ DATE 04/07/21 JOB NUMBER ______ DATE ______

CODE	No.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.I.	SEX	RACE	D.O.B.
W	6 OF 19	Veloz	Oscar	E.	M	H	Adult

RESIDENCE ADDRESS (CIVILIAN WITNESSES ONLY)	RES. PHONE (AREA CODE)
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	( )
BUSINESS ADDRESS OR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT / CDL OR LASD EMPLOYEE NO.	BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE)
Compton Station / [redacted]37	(310) 605-6500

INTERVIEW AUDIO RECORDED, REFER TO: JOB NUMBER ______ DATE 04/14/21 JOB NUMBER ______ DATE ______

CODE	No.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.I.	SEX	RACE	D.O.B.
W	7 OF 19	Orozco	Samuel	NMN	M	H	Adult

RESIDENCE ADDRESS (CIVILIAN WITNESSES ONLY)	RES. PHONE (AREA CODE)
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	( )
BUSINESS ADDRESS OR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT / CDL OR LASD EMPLOYEE NO.	BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE)
Compton Station / [redacted]73	(310) 605-6500

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CODE	No.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.I.	SEX	RACE	D.O.B.
W	8 OF 19	Robles	Gabriela	NMN	F	H	Adult

RESIDENCE ADDRESS (CIVILIAN WITNESSES ONLY)	RES. PHONE (AREA CODE)
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	( )
BUSINESS ADDRESS OR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT / CDL OR LASD EMPLOYEE NO.	BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE)
Compton Station / [redacted]73	(310) 605-6500

INTERVIEW AUDIO RECORDED, REFER TO: JOB NUMBER ______ DATE 03/11/21 JOB NUMBER ______ DATE ______

CODE	No.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.I.	SEX	RACE	D.O.B.
W	9 OF 19	Arias	Humberto	A.	M	H	Adult

RESIDENCE ADDRESS (CIVILIAN WITNESSES ONLY)	RES. PHONE (AREA CODE)
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	( )
BUSINESS ADDRESS OR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT / CDL OR LASD EMPLOYEE NO.	BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE)
Compton Station / [redacted]43	(310) 605-6500

INTERVIEW AUDIO RECORDED, REFER TO: JOB NUMBER ______ DATE 03/16/21 JOB NUMBER ______ DATE ______

CODE	No.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.I.	SEX	RACE	D.O.B.
W	10 OF 19	Whitmore	James	H.	M	H	Adult

RESIDENCE ADDRESS (CIVILIAN WITNESSES ONLY)	RES. PHONE (AREA CODE)
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	( )
BUSINESS ADDRESS OR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT / CDL OR LASD EMPLOYEE NO.	BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE)
Compton Station / [redacted]36	(310) 605-6500

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CODE	No.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.I.	SEX	RACE	D.O.B.
W	11 OF 19	Wilson	Jaeton	J.	M	B	Adult

RESIDENCE ADDRESS (CIVILIAN WITNESSES ONLY)	RES. PHONE (AREA CODE)
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	( )
BUSINESS ADDRESS OR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: Compton Station — **CDL OR LASD EMPLOYEE NO.:** [redacted]42	**BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE):** (310) 605-6500

INTERVIEW AUDIO RECORDED, REFER TO: JOB NUMBER ____ DATE 03/11/21 JOB NUMBER ____ DATE ____

CODE	No.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.I.	SEX	RACE	D.O.B.
W	12 OF 19	Barlow	Jessica	L.	F	W	Adult

RESIDENCE ADDRESS (CIVILIAN WITNESSES ONLY)	RES. PHONE (AREA CODE)
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	( )
BUSINESS ADDRESS OR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: Compton Station — **CDL OR LASD EMPLOYEE NO.:** [redacted]96	**BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE):** (310) 605-6500

INTERVIEW AUDIO RECORDED, REFER TO: JOB NUMBER ____ DATE 04/30/21 JOB NUMBER ____ DATE ____

CODE	No.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.I.	SEX	RACE	D.O.B.
W	13 OF 19	[redacted]	[redacted]	NMN	M	H	[redacted]

RESIDENCE ADDRESS (CIVILIAN WITNESSES ONLY)	RES. PHONE (AREA CODE)
[redacted]	( ) Unknown
BUSINESS ADDRESS OR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT — **CDL OR LASD EMPLOYEE NO.:** [redacted]	**BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE):** ( )

INTERVIEW AUDIO RECORDED, REFER TO: JOB NUMBER ____ DATE 04/05/21 JOB NUMBER ____ DATE ____

CODE	No.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.I.	SEX	RACE	D.O.B.
W	14 OF 19	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	F	H	[redacted]

RESIDENCE ADDRESS (CIVILIAN WITNESSES ONLY)	RES. PHONE (AREA CODE)
[redacted]	( ) Unknown
BUSINESS ADDRESS OR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT — **CDL OR LASD EMPLOYEE NO.:** [redacted]	**BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE):** ( )

INTERVIEW AUDIO RECORDED, REFER TO: JOB NUMBER ____ DATE 01/27/21 JOB NUMBER ____ DATE ____

CODE	No.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.I.	SEX	RACE	D.O.B.
W	15 OF 19	[redacted]	[redacted]		F	H	Unknown

RESIDENCE ADDRESS (CIVILIAN WITNESSES ONLY)	RES. PHONE (AREA CODE)
[redacted]	( ) Unknown
BUSINESS ADDRESS OR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT — **CDL OR LASD EMPLOYEE NO.:** Unknown	**BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE):** ( )

INTERVIEW AUDIO RECORDED, REFER TO: JOB NUMBER ____ DATE 01/27/21 JOB NUMBER ____ DATE ____

CODE	No.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.I.	SEX	RACE	D.O.B.
W	16 OF 19	[redacted]	[redacted]		F	H	[redacted]

RESIDENCE ADDRESS (CIVILIAN WITNESSES ONLY)	RES. PHONE (AREA CODE)
[redacted]	( ) Unknown
BUSINESS ADDRESS OR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT — **CDL OR LASD EMPLOYEE NO.:** [redacted]	**BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE):** ( )

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CODE	No.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.I.	SEX	RACE	D.O.B.
W	17 OF 19	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	F	H	[redacted]

RESIDENCE ADDRESS (CIVILIAN WITNESSES ONLY)	RES. PHONE (AREA CODE)
[redacted]	( ) Unknown
BUSINESS ADDRESS OR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT — **CDL OR LASD EMPLOYEE NO.:** [redacted]	**BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE):** ( )

INTERVIEW AUDIO RECORDED, REFER TO: JOB NUMBER ____ DATE 01/25/21 JOB NUMBER ____ DATE ____

CODE	No.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.I.	SEX	RACE	D.O.B.
W	18 OF 19	[redacted]	[redacted]	NMN	M	H	[redacted]

RESIDENCE ADDRESS (CIVILIAN WITNESSES ONLY)	RES. PHONE (AREA CODE)
[redacted]	( ) Unknown
BUSINESS ADDRESS OR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT — **CDL OR LASD EMPLOYEE NO.:** None	**BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE):** ( )

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CODE W | No. 19 OF 19 | LAST NAME [redacted] | FIRST NAME [redacted] | M.I. | SEX F | RACE H | D.O.B. [redacted]
RESIDENCE ADDRESS (CIVILIAN WITNESSES ONLY) [redacted] | RES. PHONE (AREA CODE) ( ) Unknown
BUSINESS ADDRESS OR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT | CDL OR LASD EMPLOYEE NO. [redacted] | BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE) ( )
INTERVIEW AUDIO RECORDED, REFER TO: JOB NUMBER ______ DATE 01/28/21 JOB NUMBER ______ DATE ______

CODE | No. OF | LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | M.I. | SEX | RACE | D.O.B.
RESIDENCE ADDRESS (CIVILIAN WITNESSES ONLY) | RES. PHONE (AREA CODE) ( )
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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

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SUBJECT(S): **MIGUEL VEGA**
DEPUTY SHERIFF, #[redacted]4

CHRISTOPHER HERNANDEZ
DEPUTY SHERIFF, #[redacted]7

[redacted]
SERGEANT, #[redacted]3

DATE OF INCIDENT: **April 13, 2020**

LOCATION: [redacted] **East 129th Street, Compton**

ALLEGATIONS:

It is alleged Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez were involved in an on-duty traffic collision and failed to properly secure a person they arrested in the back seat of their patrol car, which caused injuries. It is further alleged Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez delayed medical attention to that person.

It is alleged Subjec[redacted] provided false information during the reporting of the traffic collision and approved reports containing inconsistent and/or false information.

SYNOPSIS:

On April 13, 2020, Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez were assigned to Unit 284D and conducted a patrol check of Wilson Park, located at 123 North Rose Avenue, Compton. Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez reported the following:

While at the park, they saw a male adult (Witness [redacted] shouting profanities at a group of people and challenging them to fight. They noticed Witness [redacted] displayed objective signs and symptoms consistent with someone under the influence of a controlled substance. They detained Witness [redacted] for an under the influence of a controlled substance investigation and began a pat down search of him.

As Subject Vega searched Witness [redacted] several suspected gang members began to approach Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez. The suspected gang members shouted at them to release Witness [redacted] In fear for their and Witness [redacted] safety, Witness [redacted] was quickly placed into the back seat of their patrol car.

Witness [redacted] was not handcuffed prior to being placed into the back seat or secured with a seatbelt. Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez left the location with Witness [redacted] and decided to transport him to nearby Century Regional Detention Center (CRDF) to conduct symptomology tests and positively identify him.

As they drove northbound on Alameda Street, their attention was drawn to three male adults travelling eastbound on 129th Street. One of the male adults (hereinafter referred to as Suspect Doe) was riding a bicycle and grabbed onto a bulge inside of his waistband. Suspect Doe made eye contact with Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez and immediately turned westbound. The other two male adults ran from Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez on foot, each in a separate directions. Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez turned westbound onto 129th Street and saw Suspect Doe travelling southbound in an alley.

Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez formulated a plan to apprehend Suspect Doe within a containment due to their belief he was in possession of a firearm. Subject Hernandez exited their patrol car on 129th Street to take a containment position. Subject Vega drove southbound in the alley and followed Suspect Doe as Witness [redacted] remained in the back seat.

Suspect Doe turned westbound into another alley and threw a firearm into a residential backyard that bordered the southern side of the alley. Subject Vega activated the duplex patch and prepared to broadcast emergent radio traffic of a person with a firearm. Before Subject Vega could transmit his radio traffic, the front passenger tire of his patrol car struck a cinder block wall on the north side of the alley, behind a residence located at [redacted] East 129th Street. The impact caused the rear end of his patrol car to spin in a clockwise direction. The patrol car collided with the front end of an unoccupied car parked on the south side of the alley.

Subject Vega sustained minor injuries and checked on the welfare of Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] stated he was not injured. Subject Vega exited his patrol car and continued coordinating a containment for Suspect Doe. Another patrol unit arrived in the alley and transported Witness [redacted] outside of the containment for medical attention. Compton Station Sergeant Subject [redacted] responded to Subject Vega's location and conducted a preliminary traffic collision investigation.

Additional Compton Station personnel arrived, as well as an airship and K9 unit, to assist with the containment and search Suspect Doe. A search was conducted, but Suspect Doe was not located or identified. The firearm was never located or recovered.

California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officer [redacted] (Witness [redacted] responded to the collision site and conducted a traffic collision investigation.

Witness [redacted] was transported to Martin Luther King Jr. Community Hospital (MLK) by ambulance and treated for a laceration above his right eyebrow.

Deputy Schaper (Witness Schaper) issued Witness [redacted] a notice to appear citation **[Exhibit A]** for being under the influence of a controlled substance, a violation of Health and Safety Code, 11550 (a), at the direction of Subject Vega and Subject [redacted] Witness [redacted] was field released from MLK with the approval of Subject [redacted]

Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez authored an under the influence of a controlled substance incident report under file #920-04690-2822-183 **[Exhibit B],** and an illegal possession of a firearm incident report under file #920-04687-2820-151 **[Exhibit C]**. Witness Schaper authored a supplemental report under file #920-04690-2822-399 **[Exhibit D]**. Subject [redacted] completed a supervisor's report of damage to a county vehicle under file #920-04687-2820-151 **[Exhibit E]** and approved the reports written by Subject Vega, Subject Hernandez and Witness Schaper. Witness [redacted] authored a CHP traffic collision report under file #9530-2020-02103 **[Exhibit F]**.

Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) investigators on April 5, 2021. The following is a summary of Witness [redacted] account of the incident:

Witness [redacted] went to the skateboard park at Wilson Park on April 13, 2020, to practice a skateboarding trick. He drove there alone and left his cell phone and other personal belongings inside of his vehicle. There were approximately fifteen people at the park, ranging in age from ten to twenty years old.

Witness [redacted] saw two male deputies (Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez) contact two male Blacks who were approximately fourteen to sixteen years old and believed Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez were harassing them. Witness [redacted] shouted at the deputies to leave them alone. At the time, Witness [redacted] and Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez were separated by a black wrought iron fence that surrounded the skateboarding area of Wilson Park.

Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez became angry and they exchanged profanities with Witness [redacted] They pulled Witness [redacted] by his hands through a gap in the wrought iron fence, which skateboarders used to enter and exit the park.

Subject Vega placed Witness [redacted] hands behind his back and he was placed into the driver's side back seat of their patrol car. He was not handcuffed or secured with a seatbelt.

Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez drove away from the park with Witness [redacted] in the back seat. They did not ask him for his name and did not use their patrol car's computer to try and identify him. They never told him to put on his seatbelt. Subject Vega told him they were going to drop him off in a gang territory and tell people he was from a rival gang.

They turned westbound onto what he believed was 131st Street. Witness [redacted] saw five Hispanic juveniles, approximately twelve to fourteen years old, riding bicycles. Although he was in the back seat of the patrol car, he could clearly see through the front windshield and other surrounding windows.

When the juveniles ran away, Subject Hernandez exited the patrol car and began to chase some of them. One of the juveniles (Suspect Doe) rode his bicycle southbound through an alley and Subject Vega accelerated after him with Witness [redacted] still in the back seat. He never heard Subject Vega or Subject Hernandez say anything aloud about why anyone was being chased and never heard either of them mention anything about a gun.

Suspect Doe kept his hands on the handlebars of his bicycle and never reached for his waistband or threw any objects. Subject Vega did not activate his patrol car's lights or siren. Subject Vega drove at approximately forty to forty-five miles per hour in the alley and collided into a parked car.

Witness [redacted] hit his head against something when they crashed. Subject Vega exited the patrol car through an open window and stood on top of the hood of his patrol car as he looked around. Witness [redacted] pled with Subject Vega to let him go and said he would not say anything. Subject Vega opened the rear driver's side door and told him to leave. Subject Vega never checked him for injuries or asked if he was okay.

Witness [redacted] had blood on his shirt and was bleeding from a laceration above his right eye. He walked south and exited the alley. He contacted a group of people outside their residence and they let him use a cell phone.

Witness [redacted] called [redacted] ([redacted]) and told him he was in a car accident with deputies. He asked [redacted] to pick him up and take him for medical attention. As he spoke to [redacted] on the phone, numerous patrol cars arrived in the surrounding area and a helicopter was overhead.

Witness [redacted] waited outside for [redacted] to arrive. Caution tape had been placed throughout the neighborhood and he was within the taped-off area. He held his shirt over his head to control the bleeding from above his right eye and noticed two other deputies (Witness Garzon and Witness Sandoval) looking at him. He saw [redacted] outside of the taped-off area and gave the phone back to the persons who helped him. He walked towards [redacted] and heard [redacted] telling the other deputies that he (Witness [redacted] was [redacted] and needed medical attention.

As Witness [redacted] walked toward [redacted] one of the deputies handcuffed him and placed him in the back seat of another patrol car.

At one point, Witness [redacted] saw Subject Vega walk past the patrol car he was sitting inside of and Subject Vega looked at him. Subject Vega appeared angry when he saw him and said something to one of the deputies, but he could not hear what he said.

He sat in the back seat of the patrol car for approximately fifteen minutes before paramedics arrived. He estimated he was in the back seat of the patrol car for approximately thirty to forty-five minutes overall.

Witness [redacted] was placed into an ambulance with two paramedics who treated him and he was transported to MLK. No deputies were inside of the ambulance with him, but one deputy (Witness Schaper) followed behind in a patrol car.

At the hospital, a deputy issued him a citation for being under the influence of methamphetamine and asked him to sign it. He initially refused to sign the citation, but then spoke to [redacted] on the phone and he convinced him to sign it. He refused to provide a urine sample because he believed his urine would be tampered with to show narcotics in his system.

Witness [redacted] received four sutures for a laceration above his right eyebrow. Refer to **[Exhibit G]**.

Witness [redacted] interview was recorded by FBI investigators **[Exhibit H]** and transcribed **[Exhibit I]**. Witness [redacted] provided three cell phone video recordings of his detention at Wilson Park to FBI investigators **[Exhibit J]**. The video recordings depict partial footage of Witness [redacted] placement into Subject Vega's and Subject Hernandez' patrol car and their departure from Wilson Park.

Internal Criminal Investigation Bureau (ICIB) investigators interviewed several citizens who rendered aid to Witness [redacted] after he was in a residential neighborhood following the traffic collision. The witnesses also provided information regarding their observations and knowledge of Witness [redacted] immediate actions following the traffic collision. The witnesses interviewed by ICIB include [redacted] (Witness [redacted], [redacted] (Witness [redacted]), [redacted] (Witness [redacted], [redacted] (Witness [redacted]), [redacted] (Witness [redacted] and [redacted] (Witness [redacted]. For more information and precise wording of their ICIB interviews, refer to **[Exhibit K]** which contains the verbatim interview transcription and audio recorded interviews.

*Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) investigators interviewed the below listed personnel and witnesses. The following are summaries of their interviews. For more information and precise wording, see the attached CD containing the verbatim interview transcriptions and audio recorded interviews. Some of the below personnel and witnesses were also interviewed by ICIB investigators. For more information and precise wording of the ICIB interviews, refer to **[Exhibit K]** which contains the verbatim interview transcriptions and audio recorded interviews.*

Witness Charlie Garzon

On November 18, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Witness Garzon at the IAB office in the city of Commerce.

Witness Garzon had been a deputy sheriff for eight years. He had been assigned to Compton Station for approximately three years. On April 13, 2020, he was assigned to PM shift with his partner, Witness Sandoval, but he did not recall what unit they were assigned to.

IAB NOTE: Witness Garzon and Witness Sandoval were assigned to Unit 283D/P.

Witness Garzon was with Witness Sandoval on patrol in the city of Compton when he heard Subject Vega broadcast emergent radio traffic of a person with a firearm. They responded to a containment position located at the south end of an alley on 130th Street, east of Mona Boulevard. They arrived to the containment location within one to two minutes of hearing the radio traffic. They did not go to the alley where Subject Vega crashed.

Witness Garzon remained at the containment location with Witness Sandoval until an air ship was overhead and made announcements advising the public to stay indoors. A K9 unit also arrived and was preparing to conduct a scent search to locate Suspect Doe. Witness Garzon saw a group of individuals approximately fifty yards away standing near the middle of the block on 130th Street. He walked to the group to ask them to go inside their residence so K9 could conduct their search. Witness Sandoval remained at their containment position with their patrol car.

Witness Garzon saw Witness [redacted] standing on the north curb line and believed he matched the description of Suspect Doe. No other persons within the group stated they knew Witness [redacted] Several deputies were at numerous containment locations in the surrounding area, but no deputies were present with Witness [redacted]

Witness Garzon patted Witness [redacted] down for weapons and placed his hands behind his back. Witness Garzon used a firm grip and escorted Witness [redacted] back to his patrol car. Witness [redacted] offered no resistance and was detained in the back seat. Witness [redacted] had a laceration on his forehead, but Witness Garzon did not know how he became injured. Witness Garzon asked Witness [redacted] several questions, but Witness [redacted] told him, "I don't want to say anything."

Witness [redacted] was checked for wants and warrants with Witness Garzon's patrol car's Mobile Digital Computer (MDC). He thought Witness [redacted] provided his personal information, but could not recall if he did. Witness Garzon did not recall if Witness [redacted] had any identification on his person.

IAB NOTE: A Want9 inquiry for Witness [redacted] was made on Unit 283D's MDC at 1521 hours [Exhibit L].

Witness Garzon did not recall if Witness [redacted] displayed objective signs and symptoms of someone under the influence of a controlled substance.

Either Witness Garzon or Witness Sandoval asked Subject Vega or Subject Hernandez to respond to their location to determine if Witness [redacted] was the person they were searching for. He did not recall which one responded, but either Subject Vega or Subject Hernandez arrived and said Witness [redacted] was not Suspect Doe, but was in their back seat when Subject Vega was involved in the traffic collision. Witness Garzon did not recall if Subject Vega or Subject Hernandez ever gave an explanation of why Witness [redacted] was not still detained when Witness Garzon first contacted him on 130th Street.

After it became known Witness [redacted] had been in the back seat of Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez' patrol car at the time of the traffic collision, Witness Sandoval requested paramedics to respond to their location to treat Witness [redacted] for his forehead injury.

IAB NOTE: Los Angeles County Fire Department (LAFD) Engine #41, under the command of Captain Woods, was dispatched to Mona Boulevard and 130th Street at 1537 hours. LAFD Engine #41 arrived at 1542 hours [Exhibit M].

Witness Garzon escorted the K9 unit during their search. Witness Sandoval remained with Witness [redacted] as he was being treated by paramedics. When Witness Garzon returned, Witness [redacted] had already been transported to MLK. Subject [redacted] arrived to their location at some point, but Witness Garzon did not tell him about Witness [redacted]

IAB NOTE: On March 16, 2021, ICIB investigators interviewed Witness Garzon. For more information and precise wording of Witness Garzon's ICIB interview, refer to Exhibit K which contains the verbatim interview transcription and audio recorded interview.

Witness Nestor Sandoval

On November 18, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Witness Sandoval at the IAB office in the city of Commerce.

Witness Sandoval had been a deputy sheriff for eight years. He had been assigned to Compton Station for approximately three years. On April 13, 2020, he was assigned to PM shift with his partner, Witness Garzon, but did not recall what unit they were assigned to.

Witness Sandoval and Witness Garzon were on patrol in the city of Compton when he heard Subject Vega broadcast emergent radio traffic of a person with a firearm. They responded and took a containment position at the south end of an alley on 130th Street, east of Mona Boulevard. They arrived to their containment location within a few minutes of hearing the radio traffic. They did not go to the alley where Subject Vega crashed. No other patrol units were at their containment position.

Witness Garzon walked to disperse a crowd of people on 130th Street and Witness Sandoval remained at the containment location. Witness Garzon returned with Witness [redacted] and detained him in the back seat of their patrol car. Witness Garzon told him he thought Witness [redacted] was possibly the suspect Subject Vega was looking for. Witness Sandoval saw a laceration on Witness [redacted] forehead, but he did not know how Witness [redacted] became injured. Witness [redacted] refused to give any information to Witness Sandoval and said he wanted to go home. He did not recall if Witness [redacted] had any identification on his person.

Either Subject Vega or Subject Hernandez responded to their location and told him Witness [redacted] was not the suspect they were looking for. Witness Sandoval did not recall if it was Subject Vega or Subject Hernandez, but it was only one of them and not both of them together. One of them told Witness Sandoval that Witness [redacted] had been in the back seat of their patrol car when Subject Vega was involved in the traffic collision.

Once he discovered Witness [redacted] had been involved in a traffic collision, Witness Sandoval requested paramedics to respond to his location to medically treat Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] was cooperative with paramedics when he was treated.

Witness Sandoval was unsure if Witness [redacted] had been under the influence of a controlled substance. Witness [redacted] may have appeared "dazed", but it may have been due to injuries he sustained from the traffic collision.

Subject [redacted] arrived to their location and inquired about Witness [redacted] Subject [redacted] was informed about Witness [redacted] involvement with Subject Vega's traffic collision, but Witness Sandoval was not sure if he was the one who told him.

Witness Sandoval requested another unit to escort Witness [redacted] to MLK so he could remain at the containment location with Witness Garzon. Witness Schaper arrived to their location and escorted the ambulance transporting Witness [redacted] to MLK.

> **IAB NOTE: On March 16, 2021, ICIB investigators interviewed Witness Sandoval. For more information and precise wording of Witness Sandoval's ICIB interview, refer to Exhibit K, which contains the verbatim interview transcription and audio recorded interview.**

Witness Nicholas Schaper

On October 30, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Witness Schaper at the IAB office in the city of Commerce.

Witness Schaper had been a deputy sheriff for approximately nine years and had been assigned to Compton Station since July, 2017. On April 13, 2020, Witness Schaper was assigned to a single person car on PM shift, but he did not recall what unit.

IAB NOTE: Witness Schaper was assigned to Unit 282D/P.

Witness Schaper heard Subject Vega broadcast emergent radio traffic regarding a person with a firearm. Witness Schaper responded and took a containment position at the intersection of Mona Boulevard and either 130th or 131st Street. He was the sole unit at that containment location and estimated he remained there for at least ten to twenty minutes, but did not recall exactly how long he was there. Witness Schaper did not go to the alley where Subject Vega crashed.

A deputy broadcasted radio traffic requesting a patrol unit to escort an ambulance to MLK and Witness Schaper volunteered. At the time, he did not know Subject Vega had been involved in a traffic collision and did not know who was inside of the ambulance.

The ambulance drove a short distance westbound to Witness Schaper's location and he followed the ambulance to MLK. No other deputies were with Witness Schaper and no one else followed the ambulance. There were no deputies inside of the ambulance. Witness Schaper arrived at MLK approximately five minutes later.

Witness Schaper escorted Witness [redacted] inside MLK. He did not recall if Witness [redacted] was handcuffed. Witness [redacted] complained of pain and received treatment for a laceration above his right eye. Witness [redacted] was "bad mouthing" Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez, and yelling at the hospital. Witness Schaper noticed Witness [redacted] had rapid speech consistent with someone being under the influence of a controlled substance, but he did not conduct any field sobriety tests of Witness [redacted] Witness Schaper offered Witness [redacted] the opportunity to provide a urine sample to prove or disprove the presence of a controlled substance in his system. Witness [redacted] refused to provide a urine sample.

Either Subject Vega or Subject Hernandez telephoned Witness Schaper while he was at MLK. One of them asked Witness Schaper to issue Witness [redacted] a citation for being under the influence of a controlled substance **[Exhibit A]**.

IAB NOTE: Witness Schaper obtained file # 920-04690-2822-399 from his patrol car's MDC at 1747 hours [Exhibit N].

On April 14, 2020, statistical code 399 (Miscellaneous Misdemeanors), was changed to statistical code 183 (Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance) by Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez [Miscellaneous documents].

Witness Schaper did not know how Witness [redacted] was positively identified, but assumed either Subject Vega or Subject Hernandez had previously identified him.

Witness Schaper never queried Witness [redacted] identifying information for wants or warrants, and did not have a Blue Check device to scan his fingerprints for identification.

> **IAB NOTE: A Blue Check is a mobile device that identifies a person by their fingerprints.**

Witness [redacted] provided his first and last name to MLK medical staff and was issued a wristband with his name printed on it. Someone arrived at MLK and identified Witness [redacted] as their son. That person identified Witness [redacted] with the same information Witness [redacted] had given MLK medical staff.

Witness Schaper authored a supplemental report under file #920-04690-2822-399 **[Exhibit D]**.

> **IAB NOTE: On March 16, 2021, ICIB investigators interviewed Witness Schaper. For more information and precise wording of Witness Schaper's ICIB interview, refer to Exhibit K, which contains the verbatim interview transcription and audio recorded interview.**

Witness [redacted]

On December 2, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Witness [redacted] at the CHP office in Torrance. Witness [redacted] had been a peace officer for CHP for approximately three years and was assigned to the Torrance CHP Station.

On April 13, 2020, Witness [redacted] was dispatched to conduct a traffic collision investigation into Subject Vega's traffic collision. He responded to the alley where Subject Vega had his traffic collision at approximately 1700 hours. He saw Subject Vega's patrol car had collided with a parked car and a cinder block wall. Another patrol car was in the alley but was not involved in any collision.

He contacted Subject Vega at the scene and conducted his investigation. Two other deputies were present, as well as a male and a female sergeant. Subject Vega explained to Witness [redacted] how the traffic collision occurred.

Subject Vega told Witness [redacted] that Witness [redacted] had been in the back seat of his patrol car at the time of the crash and had been transported to MLK. Subject Vega did not know the identity of Witness [redacted] at the time and did not provide specific information on how Witness [redacted] arrived at MLK from the collision site.

Witness [redacted] went to MLK and contacted Witness [redacted] A deputy was with Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] told Witness [redacted] he had been in the back seat of Subject Vega's patrol car when Subject Vega drove after a person on a bicycle. Witness [redacted] saw a parked car in the alley and knew the patrol car would not fit

between the car and the cinder block wall. Subject Vega crashed while Witness [redacted] was still in the back seat. Witness [redacted] told Witness [redacted] that after the traffic collision, Subject Vega removed him from the back seat and told him to leave the scene. Refer to page nine of **Exhibit F** for further information on Witness [redacted] statements to Witness [redacted] concerning the traffic collision.

Witness [redacted] told Witness [redacted] he walked away from the scene and made his way out of the alley onto a nearby street. A person in the neighborhood saw that he was injured and contacted him. Witness [redacted] stated he used the person's cell phone to call someone. Witness [redacted] also told Witness [redacted] that he was later transported to MLK. Witness [redacted] did not provide details to Witness [redacted] on where he was contacted or by whom.

Witness [redacted] authored a CHP traffic collision report under file #9530-2020-02103 **[Exhibit F]**. Witness [redacted] estimated Subject Vega drove in the alley at speeds between thirty to fifty miles per hour. He formed the opinion Subject Vega was at fault for the traffic collision because he drove at a speed unsafe for the roadway conditions in the alley, violation of California Vehicle Code section 22350.

Subject Miguel Vega

On October 19, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Subject Vega at the IAB office in the city of Commerce. Subject Vega was represented by Attorney Adam Marangell.

Subject Vega had been a deputy sheriff for approximately eleven years. He had been assigned to Compton Station since August, 2017. On April 13, 2020, he was assigned to Unit 284D/P with his partner, Subject Hernandez. Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez had regularly worked together as radio car partners for approximately two years.

At approximately 1430 hours, Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez conducted a patrol check of Wilson Park. Subject Vega had prior knowledge Wilson Park was a high crime location often frequented by numerous gang members from "Santana Block Compton Crips." A skateboard park, surrounded by a wrought iron fence, was located within Wilson Park.

IAB NOTE: IAB investigators discovered sixty (60) Compton Station incident reports related to Wilson Park between April 22, 2019, and April 11, 2020. Twenty (20) of the incident reports were gang related [Miscellaneous documents].

Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez contacted two suspected gang members on the exterior side of the fence of the skateboard park. While speaking to the two suspected gang members, Subject Vega heard Witness [redacted] shout "Fuck you. I'll fuck you up!" and other profanities, to several persons within the park. Witness [redacted] was also challenging several people to fight him. Witness [redacted] was within the fenced area of

the skateboard park, but did not have a skateboard. Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez were approximately twenty-five feet away from Witness [redacted] when they heard him shouting.

Subject Vega was not sure who Witness [redacted] specifically shouted at, but he recalled there were approximately eighteen people in the park and in the immediate vicinity of Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] shouted at random adults who had children with them. People appeared frightened when Witness [redacted] shouted at them and began to walk away from him. He did not think Witness [redacted] shouted at other gang members who were inside of the park. Subject Vega believed Witness [redacted] presented a threat to persons inside of the park.

Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez had previously contacted the two suspected gang members in the past, and had a good rapport with them. The two suspected gang members voluntarily lifted up their shirts and showed Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez their waistbands. Once Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez saw they had no weapons, they directed their attention to Witness [redacted] The two suspected gang members left the location.

Witness [redacted] exited the skate park through an opening in the wrought iron fence and approached Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez. Witness [redacted] continued to shout profanities at random people as he approached Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez. Subject Vega noticed Witness [redacted] appeared paranoid and was constantly moving his head as he looked around. Witness [redacted] was also grinding his teeth, had rapid speech, and told Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez, "I'll fuck you guys up."

Based on his training and experience in the area of narcotics, Subject Vega believed Witness [redacted] was possibly under the influence of a stimulant. Subject Vega told Witness [redacted] he was going to "check him out," and detained him. Subject Vega stood behind Witness [redacted] and conducted a pat-down cursory search of him for weapons. Subject Hernandez stood nearby and provided security. Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez were approximately three feet away from their patrol car.

As he searched Witness [redacted] he noticed Witness [redacted] was breathing heavily, and when he touched Witness [redacted] wrist, he noticed he had an elevated pulse rate. Witness [redacted] was agitated he was being searched, but he did not resist. Witness [redacted] had no weapons or identification on his person. Subject Vega asked Witness [redacted] what his name was and where he lived, but Witness [redacted] refused to tell him.

Subject Vega saw several people he recognized as gang members exit the fenced area of the skateboard park and approach him and Subject Hernandez. Another group of gang members also began to approach them from the west side of the park. The gang members shouted at him and Subject Hernandez, but he did not know what they said because so many of them were shouting. Subject Vega estimated between fifteen to eighteen gang members were walking towards him and Subject Hernandez.

Subject Vega had personal knowledge other deputies had been assaulted by gang members at Wilson Park in the past and was in fear they would attack him, Subject Hernandez, or Witness [redacted] There were no other deputies at the park, and they were outnumbered.

IAB NOTE: Incident History Reports indicate there were no reported assaults on deputy personnel between April 22, 2019, and April 11, 2020.

Subject Vega did not request additional deputies to respond to their location for back-up because they did not have time. The approaching gang members were seconds away and any responding deputies would have taken at least a minute or two to arrive.

Subject Vega placed Witness [redacted] in the back seat of their patrol car for his safety. Witness [redacted] did not resist being placed in the back seat. Subject Vega did not recall how much time passed from searching Witness [redacted] to placing him in the back seat, but stated, "It was very fast" **[Subject Vega's transcripts, page 22].**

Subject Vega said Witness [redacted] was not handcuffed because he was placed into their patrol car quickly and they needed to drive away to avoid a potential altercation with approaching gang members. Additionally, Subject Vega said "...Witness [redacted] he was behaving agitated, so, we didn't want to force him and handcuff him if that wasn't really what he wanted at that time. And time was of the essence, and we didn't really have the luxury to get into a fight with him right there and handcuff him, you know, just to put him in the back seat" **[Subject Vega's transcripts, page 21].**

Subject Vega did not want to leave Witness [redacted] at the park because Witness [redacted] could have been attacked, or assaulted other people, since he had already displayed hostility and was possibly under the influence of a controlled substance.

Subject Vega did not get an opportunity to conduct any field sobriety tests on Witness [redacted] to measure his symptomologies. Subject Vega estimated the diameter of Witness [redacted] pupils to be dilated to approximately 7.0 millimeters, but he did not get the opportunity to use a pupilometer on Witness [redacted] to get an exact measurement.

IAB NOTE: A pupilometer is an instrument for measuring the diameter of a pupil.

Subject Vega believed he accurately estimated the diameter of Witness [redacted] pupils because he had extensive training and experience in the area of narcotics investigations. Subject Vega believed his estimation was "modest."

Subject Vega immediately drove away with Subject Hernandez, who was in the front passenger seat, once Witness [redacted] was placed into the back seat. Subject Vega did not seat belt Witness [redacted] before leaving because Witness [redacted] was not handcuffed. He did not want to reach across Witness [redacted] to buckle his seatbelt and

expose his firearm to him. The seatbelt in the back seat was operational and Witness [redacted] could have fastened it himself. Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez asked Witness [redacted] to put on his seat belt when they drove away. Witness [redacted] refused and said, "Fuck you guys."
Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez asked Witness [redacted] several times to provide his name, date of birth and address in order to positively identify him and check him for wants and warrants on their MDC. Witness [redacted] refused to provide any information. Subject Vega did not have a Blue Check device to identify Witness [redacted]

Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez left the location with Witness [redacted] and decided to transport him to Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF) to conduct field sobriety tests and positively identify him. CRDF was approximately five minutes away from Wilson Park and was the safest place to conduct field sobriety tests because they were in a high crime area populated by many different gang members. CRDF also had Livescan capabilities and Compton Station did not.

IAB NOTE: A Livescan device scans a person's fingerprints to positively identify them using law enforcement data systems.

Witness [redacted] was detained, but was not under arrest yet. If Witness [redacted] passed the field sobriety tests he would not have been arrested and would have been transported somewhere he would have wanted to go. If Witness [redacted] failed the field sobriety tests he would have been arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance and booked at CRDF.

Subject Vega intended to request a sergeant to respond to CRDF when they arrived. Subject Vega wanted a sergeant present before Witness [redacted] was removed from the back seat because Witness [redacted] was uncooperative and cursing. Subject Vega planned to have a sergeant present to possibly prevent a use of force.

Subject Vega drove northbound on Alameda Street in the number one lane at approximately twenty-five miles per hour. He looked westbound and saw three male Hispanics travelling eastbound in the middle of 129th street, approximately fifteen yards away. One male Hispanic (Suspect Doe) was riding a bicycle and the other two were travelling on foot. Subject Vega believed all three individuals were gang members from "Compton Varrio Largo," because they all wore "LA" hats, which was commonly worn by members of that gang. Members of that gang also frequented 129th street.

Subject Vega made eye contact with Suspect Doe and the other two individuals. Suspect Doe immediately grabbed "a huge bulge" on the right side of his waistband and suddenly turned westbound then southbound into an alley. Subject Vega believed Suspect Doe was in possession of a firearm because he grabbed onto his waistband and fled. One of the individuals with Suspect Doe ran eastbound and the other ran northbound.

Several nearby commercial businesses were open and there were numerous homes nearby as well. Four rival gangs frequented the immediate area and there had been recent violence among them. Subject Vega believed Suspect Doe presented an immediate threat to the public and other deputies. If Suspect Doe had not grabbed onto his waistband and fled, Subject Vega would not have believed he had a firearm and would have continued traveling to CRDF with Witness [redacted]

Subject Vega turned westbound onto 129th street. Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez quickly formulated a plan to establish a containment for Suspect Doe due to their belief he was a gang member in possession of a firearm. Subject Vega was not going to attempt to apprehend Suspect Doe because Witness [redacted] was in the back seat of their patrol car.

Subject Vega's focus was on Suspect Doe because he believed Suspect Doe was armed. Subject Vega did not attempt to establish a containment for the other two persons fleeing because he did not think they were armed with a firearm.

Subject Vega stopped the patrol car and Subject Hernandez exited. Subject Hernandez took a containment position on 129th street near the north entrance of the alley Suspect Doe ran into. Suspect Doe continued riding his bicycle southbound in the alley and was approximately twenty yards away from them.

Subject Vega activated his patrol car's lights and sirens and drove southbound in the alley at approximately fifteen miles per hour. Witness [redacted] did not say anything to Subject Vega and did not ask him to stop. Seconds later, Suspect Doe removed a black semi-automatic pistol from his waistband and turned westbound into an adjoining alley.

Suspect Doe threw the firearm over his body in a "hook shot" motion over a fence into a residential backyard that bordered the south side of the alley. Subject Vega did not know the exact location of the firearm, but recalled it was thrown approximately four to six residences west of the previous alley.

Subject Vega requested the duplex patch from the Sheriff's Communications Center (SCC) in order to transmit emergent radio traffic **[Exhibit O]** as he followed Suspect Doe.

IAB NOTE: According to radio traffic audio [Exhibit O], Subject Vega activated the duplex patch at 1443 hours.

Subject Vega did not close the distance on Suspect Doe in an attempt to apprehend him, but kept his distance and kept an observation of him. Subject Vega drove approximately twenty-five miles per hour through the alley.

After Subject Vega requested emergent radio traffic, he steered north to avoid colliding with a parked vehicle on the south side of the alley. As he steered, the front passenger

tire of his patrol car struck a cinder block wall on the north side of the alley. The force of the impact spun the rear end of his patrol car in a clockwise direction. The rear driver's side of the patrol car collided with the front end of an unoccupied parked car.

Suspect Doe was approximately fifteen to twenty-five yards away from Subject Vega when the traffic collision occurred. Suspect Doe continued travelling westbound and out of view. The traffic collision occurred approximately five properties west of where Suspect Doe discarded the firearm. No other persons were in the alley and there were no witnesses to the traffic collision. The weather was sunny and the alley was dry at the time of the collision.

Subject Vega advised SCC to cancel his request for emergent traffic because he had been involved in a traffic collision and was unsure if he should continue his attempt to apprehend Suspect Doe within a containment.

IAB NOTE: Subject Vega advised SCC to cancel his request for emergent radio traffic ten seconds after the duplex patch was activated [Exhibit O].

Subject Vega was dazed and felt pain to his left wrist. He did not have his seat belt on at the time of the collision because he wanted to stay mobile in case Suspect Doe fired his weapon at him. Subject Vega could not open his driver's side door, so he exited his patrol car through the passenger side window.

Subject Vega opened the passenger rear door of the patrol car and checked on the welfare of Witness [redacted] Subject Vega asked him if he needed medical attention. Witness [redacted] said he was "okay" and did not need medical attention. Subject Vega did not see any obvious injuries to Witness [redacted] forehead because Witness [redacted] wore a hat.

IAB NOTE: Witness [redacted] wore a beanie on his head at the time of the incident.

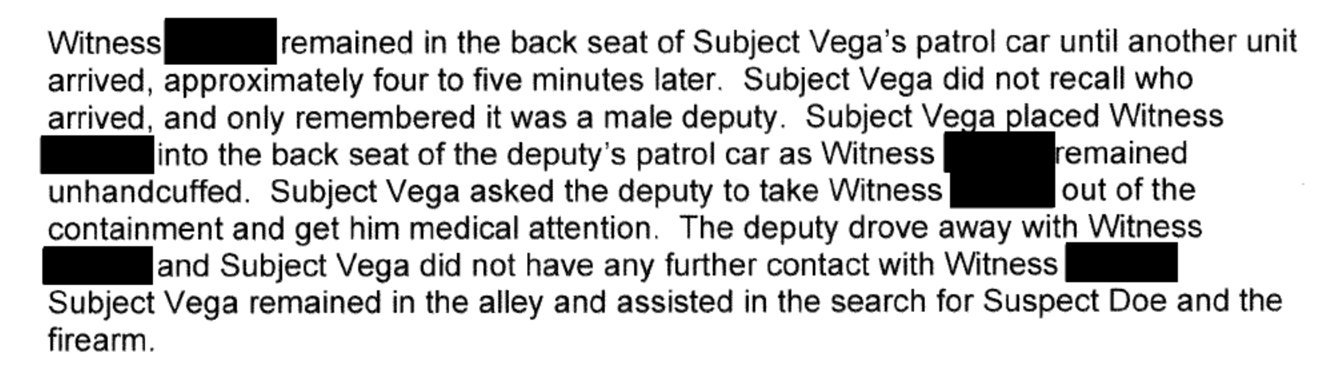
Subject Vega resumed radio transmission and broadcasted Suspect Doe had a firearm and gave his direction of travel. Subject Vega also broadcasted he was involved in a traffic collision and gave his location in the alley.

IAB NOTE: Subject Vega advised SCC Suspect Doe had a firearm thirty-nine seconds after he requested the duplex patch. He advised he was involved in a traffic collision one minute and thirteen seconds after requesting the duplex patch [Exhibit O].

Subject Vega stated over the radio that he was the only person involved in the traffic collision, meaning he collided with an unoccupied parked vehicle. He did not mean he was alone.

Subject Vega did not request paramedics to respond to his location because Witness [redacted] told him he did not need medical attention. He also did not want paramedics to come into an active crime scene because he had to search for Suspect Doe and the firearm. Subject Vega wanted deputies to respond and take up containment locations, and did not want them to rush to him, since he was not seriously injured.

> **IAB NOTE: Subject Vega advised SCC that paramedics were not needed three minutes and thirty-two seconds after requesting the duplex patch [Exhibit O].**



Witness [redacted] remained in the back seat of Subject Vega's patrol car until another unit arrived, approximately four to five minutes later. Subject Vega did not recall who arrived, and only remembered it was a male deputy. Subject Vega placed Witness [redacted] into the back seat of the deputy's patrol car as Witness [redacted] remained unhandcuffed. Subject Vega asked the deputy to take Witness [redacted] out of the containment and get him medical attention. The deputy drove away with Witness [redacted] and Subject Vega did not have any further contact with Witness [redacted] Subject Vega remained in the alley and assisted in the search for Suspect Doe and the firearm.

The containment for Suspect Doe lasted approximately one hour. A search for Suspect Doe and the firearm was conducted, but Suspect Doe was not found or ever identified. The firearm was also not found. Subject Vega believed someone, possibly another gang affiliate, found the firearm and kept it.

Witness Schaper later provided Subject Vega with Witness [redacted] identifying information. Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez asked Witness Schaper to issue Witness [redacted] a citation for being under the influence of a controlled substance **[Exhibit A]**.

Subject Vega authored two incident reports, with input from Subject Hernandez. One report was for under the influence of a controlled substance, and the other was for illegal possession of a firearm **[Exhibit B and Exhibit C, respectively].**

Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez did not have the opportunity to create an observation of Witness [redacted] detention while they were at Wilson Park, but did create one later in their shift **[Exhibit P]**.

Subject Vega did not wear a body camera during the incident.

<u>Subject Christopher Hernandez</u>

On October 19, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Subject Hernandez at the IAB office in the city of Commerce. Subject Hernandez was represented by Attorney Adam Marangell.

Subject Hernandez had been a deputy sheriff for approximately thirteen years. He had been assigned to Compton Station since July, 2018. On April 13, 2020, he was assigned to Unit 284D/P with his regular radio car partner, Subject Vega. Subject Hernandez and Subject Vega contacted two gang members from "Santana Watts Compton Crips" at Wilson Park and were completing a probation search of them when they heard Witness [redacted] shouting, "I'll fuck you up!" Subject Hernandez and Subject Vega turned their attention to Witness [redacted] and allowed the two gang members to leave the location. Subject Hernandez and Subject Vega were approximately thirty feet away from Witness [redacted] when they heard him shouting.

Witness [redacted] continued shouting, "I'll kick your ass!" to approximately fifteen to twenty persons in the park. Several people appeared frightened by Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] approached Subject Hernandez and Subject Vega and told them, "I'll fuck you up!" Subject Hernandez noticed Witness [redacted] was sweating and clenched his jaw as if he was under the influence of methamphetamine.

Subject Vega detained Witness [redacted] and conducted a pat-down search of him for weapons. Witness [redacted] was searched on the driver's side of their patrol car near the rear. Subject Hernandez stood next to Subject Vega, near the driver's side door.

As Witness [redacted] was searched, a crowd of approximately fifteen to twenty persons inside the park shouted profanities at Subject Hernandez and Subject Vega to let Witness [redacted] go. The crowd was mostly made up of Black adults, but Subject Hernandez did not know if they were all gang members or not. The crowd was approximately twenty feet away from them and included persons Witness [redacted] previously shouted at.

Subject Hernandez and Subject Vega wanted to get away from the crowd in case they tried to assault them or free Witness [redacted] Subject Hernandez was in fear for his safety, as well as the safety of Subject Vega and Witness [redacted] Subject Hernandez did not want to leave Witness [redacted] at the park because he was possibly under the influence of a controlled substance and they did not know what his relationship was with the approaching crowd. Subject Hernandez did not request backup because he did not want units responding Code-3 simply because people were shouting at them.

Subject Vega placed Witness [redacted] into the back seat of their patrol car and they quickly drove away. Subject Hernandez estimated twenty seconds passed from the time Witness [redacted] was searched to the time he was put into the back seat. They left the location within seconds of placing Witness [redacted] into the back seat. Subject Vega drove and Subject Hernandez was the front passenger. Witness [redacted] was not under formal arrest at that point because they still had to give him symptomology tests and conclude their under the influence of a controlled substance investigation.

Witness [redacted] had no identification on him and refused to give any of his identifying information when asked. Subject Vega asked Witness [redacted] to put on his seatbelt, but he refused. Witness [redacted] was uncooperative and continued to tell them, "I'll fuck you up."

Subject Hernandez and Subject Vega intended to transport Witness [redacted] to CRDF so they could conduct symptomology tests and positively identify him. CRDF was only a few minutes away from Wilson Park and was the safest location to conduct the tests. Also, since Witness [redacted] was uncooperative, they could request a sergeant to respond if it became necessary.

They drove northbound on Alameda Street towards CRDF at approximately thirty five miles per hour. As they approached the intersection of 129th Street, Subject Hernandez saw three male Hispanics, one of whom was on a bicycle (Suspect Doe), travelling eastbound on 129th Street. Suspect Doe appeared startled when he saw Subject Hernandez and Subject Vega. Suspect Doe immediately grabbed onto a bulge on the right side of his waistband and travelled westbound. Due to his actions, Subject Hernandez believed Suspect Doe was in possession of a concealed firearm.

The other two individuals with Suspect Doe separated from each other and ran in separate directions. Suspect Doe quickly turned southbound into an alley.

Subject Hernandez believed Suspect Doe was an immediate danger to the public and other deputies. Subject Hernandez and Subject Vega quickly formulated a plan to establish a containment for Suspect Doe. They did not try to contain or apprehend the other two individuals because they did not think they had a firearm.

Subject Hernandez exited the patrol car on 129th Street, at the entrance of the alley Suspect Doe entered. Subject Hernandez intended to run westbound on 129th Street and position himself at the intersection of Mona Boulevard and 129th Street. When Subject Hernandez exited the patrol car, Suspect Doe was halfway through the alley and approaching another adjoining alley.

Subject Hernandez believed Subject Vega would be the one to broadcast emergent radio traffic since he remained in their patrol car and had an observation of Suspect Doe. He did not recall discussing radio traffic responsibility with Subject Vega before exiting the patrol car. Witness [redacted] remained in the back seat and did not say anything.

Subject Hernandez ran westbound on 129th Street and lost sight of Subject Vega and Suspect Doe. He was never in foot pursuit of Suspect Doe. While he was mid-block on 129th Street, he heard Subject Vega request emergent radio traffic and then heard "a loud bang." Subject Hernandez thought Subject Vega was involved in a traffic collision because Subject Vega did not immediately broadcast further radio traffic. Subject Hernandez did not broadcast any emergent radio traffic.

Subject Hernandez ran southbound into alley that intersected with 129th Street, then eastbound into the alley Subject Vega was in. Subject Hernandez saw Subject Vega standing outside of their patrol car, which collided into a parked car and cinder block wall. Subject Vega appeared startled but did not appear injured. Subject Hernandez

estimated it took him at least four minutes to reach Subject Vega. Subject Hernandez did not see Suspect Doe as he ran back to Subject Vega.

When he arrived, Witness [redacted] was not in the back seat of their patrol car. Subject Hernandez did not recall if another unit was present, but recalled Subject Vega, or possibly another deputy, told him Witness [redacted] had been transported away by another patrol unit. Subject Hernandez did not know what unit transported Witness [redacted] out of the alley.

Witness Hernandez did not see Witness [redacted] after the traffic collision. Subject Hernandez and Subject Vega later asked Witness Schaper to issue Witness [redacted] a citation for being under the influence of a controlled substance. Subject Hernandez asked Witness Schaper to obtain a urine sample from Witness [redacted] in order to prove or disprove the presence of a controlled substance in his system. Witness Schaper told him Witness [redacted] refused to provide a urine sample.

Subject Hernandez and Subject Vega could not create an incident record of Witness [redacted] detention or the containment of Suspect Doe because the MDC in their patrol car was heavily damaged from the traffic collision.

Subject Hernandez provided input into both incident reports **[Exhibit B and Exhibit C]** and wrote them with Subject Vega.

Subject Hernandez did not wear a body camera during the incident.

Subject [redacted]

On November 18, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Subject [redacted] at the IAB office in the city of Commerce. At the time of the interview, Subject [redacted] was considered a witness and was interviewed as a witness.

Subject [redacted] had been a sergeant assigned to Compton Station for approximately two years. On April 13, 2020, he was assigned to unit 285S/P. Sergeant Valerie Franco (Witness Franco), #[redacted]16, was his partner and assigned to unit 280S/P.

> **IAB NOTE: On April 7, 2021, ICIB investigators interviewed Witness Franco. For more information and precise wording of Witness Franco's ICIB interview, refer to Exhibit K, which contains the verbatim interview transcription and audio recorded interview.**

Subject [redacted] was a passenger in Witness Franco's patrol car when he heard Subject Vega broadcast emergent radio traffic of an armed suspect who fled from deputies. Subject [redacted] and Witness Franco responded Code-3 from Compton Station and took a containment position at 130th Street and the southern end

of the alley west of Alameda Street. As they drove to the containment location, Subject [redacted] saw Subject Vega's damaged patrol car in the alley prior to their arrival. Subject [redacted] and Witness Franco arrived to their containment location in approximately three to four minutes.

IAB NOTE: Subject [redacted] voiced his arrival to the scene four minutes and fifteen seconds after Subject Vega requested the duplex patch [Exhibit O].

Subject [redacted] walked to Subject Vega's patrol car while Witness Franco remained at the containment position. He estimated it took him approximately three to four minutes to arrive to Subject Vega's location once he left Witness Franco.

When Subject [redacted] arrived, Subject Vega was transmitting radio traffic and Subject Hernandez was looking into the backyard of one of the southern residences that bordered the alley. Subject [redacted] saw Subject Vega's and Subject Hernandez' patrol car collided with a parked car and knocked down a cinder block wall in the northern portion of the alley.

Subject [redacted] asked Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez if they were okay. They told him they were fine and continued to transmit radio traffic and search for the firearm. At the time, he believed Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez were the sole two persons involved in the traffic collision. Witness [redacted] was not present when he arrived and he did not know anything about his involvement in the traffic collision.

Neither Subject Vega, nor Subject Hernandez, told him about Witness [redacted] when he arrived, but their conversation was brief because they were searching for Suspect Doe and coordinating assisting units over the radio to assist with the search. His primary concern was the well-being of Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez, so he did not question them in depth about the traffic collision while the search for Suspect Doe and the firearm was still taking place.

Subject [redacted] made contact with [redacted] who was the registered owner of the parked vehicle, and property owner of the block wall Subject Vega collided into. [redacted] told him he did not witness the collision. Subject [redacted] searched for video cameras in the alley that may have captured the collision, but did not find any. He also searched for witnesses, but there were none. Witness Franco arrived and assisted Subject [redacted] but she too was never told about Witness [redacted]

Subject [redacted] conducted an initial traffic collision investigation for approximately ten minutes while Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez continued searching for Suspect Doe. Subject [redacted] and Witness [redacted] left the location and went to the command post located in the parking lot of "Pop's Chicken (117 Rosecrans Ave, Compton)," so resources from Witness Franco's patrol car could be utilized for the containment.

As Subject [redacted] returned to the traffic collision site, he heard radio traffic requesting paramedics respond to Mona Boulevard and 130th Street to treat an unknown person involved in a traffic collision. Subject [redacted] responded to Mona Boulevard and 130th Street and saw Witness Garzon and Witness Sandoval at the location. Paramedics were also on scene treating Witness [redacted]

Either Witness Garzon or Witness Sandoval told him Witness [redacted] had been in the back seat of Subject Vega's patrol car when Subject Vega collided into the wall and parked car. He attempted to speak to Witness [redacted] as the paramedics treated him, but Witness [redacted] refused to speak to him. He saw a laceration above Witness [redacted] right eye, but he could not tell if he was under the influence of a controlled substance because paramedics had placed a neck brace and mask on Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] provided paramedics with his name, date of birth and address before he was transported to MLK by ambulance.

Suspect Doe and the firearm were not located and the containment was broken down. Subject [redacted] returned to the command post to debrief the incident with the involved deputies. When he arrived at the command post, Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez approached him and said they previously detained Witness [redacted] for being under the influence of a controlled substance. They also told Subject [redacted] that Witness [redacted] had been in the back seat of their patrol car when Subject Vega crashed.

Subject [redacted] went to MLK and attempted to interview Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] refused to provide a statement and requested an attorney. The contact with Witness [redacted] was video recorded **[Exhibit R]**. Subject [redacted] took a photograph of Witness [redacted] injuries **[Exhibit S]**.

Witness [redacted] ([redacted]) arrived at MLK and provided the same identifying information of Witness [redacted] to Witness Schaper as Witness [redacted] had given to paramedics. The information was verified by an MDC inquiry. Subject [redacted] gave Witness Schaper approval to field release Witness [redacted] with a citation for being under the influence of a controlled substance **[Exhibit A]**.

Subject [redacted] approved two incident reports written by Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez **[Exhibit B and Exhibit C]**. Subject [redacted] also completed a supervisor's report of incident or damage to county vehicle under file #920-04687-2820-151 **[Exhibit E]**.

IAB NOTE: On May 5, 2021, Subject [redacted] was reclassified as a subject of this administrative investigation [Miscellaneous documents].

On May 20, 2021, IAB investigators interviewed Subject [redacted] at the IAB office in the city of Commerce. Subject [redacted] was represented by Attorney James Cunningham.

Subject [redacted] stated he reviewed his statements of his November 18, 2020, interview with IAB investigators. He stated his previous statements were truthful and accurate, but he provided clarification as to when Witness Franco arrived to help him at the traffic collision site and where he was when he discovered Witness [redacted] was in the back seat of Subject Vega's and Subject Hernandez' patrol car. He also provided additional information regarding his involvement in the events that occurred on April 13, 2020.

When Subject [redacted] left Compton Station to assist with the containment of Suspect Doe, he and Witness Franco decided Subject [redacted] would have the administrative responsibility for the incident occurring with Subject Vega. He did not see any patrol cars driving away from Subject Vega's location as he walked from Witness Franco's patrol car to the scene of Subject Vega's traffic collision. He did not find it unusual he did not see another patrol unit in the immediate area transporting Witness [redacted] out of the alley. He entered the alley from the east entrance and the traffic collision occurred closer to the west alley entrance, where another patrol unit could have traveled.

When Subject [redacted] left the command post to get his patrol car from Compton Station, he was transported by Deputy [redacted] #[redacted]53.

Once at Compton Station, Subject [redacted] debriefed the watch commander, Lieutenant Oscar Veloz (Witness Veloz), [redacted]87, about Subject Vega's traffic collision.

IAB NOTE: On April 14, 2021, ICIB investigators interviewed Witness Veloz. For more information and precise wording of Witness Veloz' ICIB interview, refer to Exhibit K, which contains the verbatim interview transcription and audio recorded interview.

Witness Veloz told Subject [redacted] someone ([redacted]) called Compton Station and said [redacted] (Witness [redacted]) was involved in a traffic collision and was detained at the intersection of Mona Boulevard and 130th Street.

IAB NOTE: [redacted] called Compton Station on April 13, 2020, at 1525 hours, and spoke to Watch Sergeant Samuel Orozco (Witness Orozco), #[redacted]73. [redacted] told Witness Orozco [redacted] had been involved in a traffic accident with deputies [Exhibit Q].

On April 14, 2021, ICIB investigators interviewed Witness Orozco. For more information and precise wording of Witness Orozco's ICIB interview, refer to Exhibit K, which contains the verbatim interview transcription and audio recorded interview.

The circumstances of the traffic collision involving Witness [redacted] were not clear to him, so Subject [redacted] left to investigate. As he drove back to the location, he heard radio traffic requesting paramedics to respond to Mona Boulevard and 130th Street to treat Witness [redacted] He had not seen Witness [redacted] prior to arriving to the location.

Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez were also at the location and approached Subject [redacted] Subject Vega told him they previously detained Witness [redacted] for being under the influence of a controlled substance. Subject Vega apologized to Subject [redacted] for not telling him earlier about Witness [redacted] and said he was "caught up" with radio traffic. Subject Vega said, "Hey, sir, sorry I didn't tell you earlier. We had this guy in the back seat. He was involved in the collision. Somebody took him out but he's here now" **[Subject [redacted] 2nd interview transcripts, page 12]**.

Subject Vega also said he transferred Witness [redacted] to another patrol unit following the crash, but did not say whose patrol unit. Subject [redacted] did not recall if he asked him who took custody of Witness [redacted] following the collision. He did not recall if Subject Hernandez said anything to him, but Subject Hernandez was present when Subject Vega told him about Witness [redacted] He did not recall how long he was at the location before Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez informed him about Witness [redacted]

Subject [redacted] explained that when he saw Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez at 130th Street and Mona Boulevard, they were debriefing a K9 unit. He thought Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez told him about Witness [redacted] at "Pop's Chicken," but he misspoke **[Subject [redacted] second interview transcripts, page 13].** Subject [redacted] did not go to the command post at "Pop's Chicken" for the debrief after the containment was over.

Subject [redacted] did not know Witness [redacted] was detained by Witness Garzon as the possible suspect (Suspect Doe) they were searching for. He did not know Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez were there to identify Witness [redacted] as the suspect. He believed Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez were there to debrief the K-9 unit.

Subject [redacted] was present when Witness Schaper arrived and followed Witness [redacted] to MLK.

When he gave Witness Schaper the approval to issue Witness [redacted] a citation, he did so in good faith that Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez had previously completed a thorough investigation and the elements of the crime were satisfied. He never had any indication to believe Witness [redacted] was not under the influence of narcotics.

Witness [redacted] initially refused to sign the citation, but ultimately did, after speaking to his [redacted] on the phone. Witness Franco was also present at the hospital when Witness [redacted] initially refused to sign his citation.

Witness Franco told Subject [redacted] that Witness [redacted] had gone to the command post during the incident and was asking questions about [redacted] She did not tell Subject [redacted] that Witness [redacted] said Witness [redacted] had been arrested, released, and then re-arrested. He did not recall if Witness Franco told him Witness [redacted] said Witness [redacted] had been in the back seat of Subject Vega's car when the traffic collision happened.

Subject [redacted] returned to the alley with Witness Franco to contact the CHP Officer (Witness [redacted] and obtain more information regarding the collision. Since the collision occurred in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County, the CHP had the investigative responsibility for the collision. A female deputy who worked a traffic car was also there obtaining collision information, but he did not remember who it was.

IAB NOTE: On April 13, 2020, Deputy Gabriela Robles (Witness Robles), #[redacted]3, was at the location of Subject Vega's traffic collision gathering preliminary traffic related information. On March 11, 2021, ICIB investigators interviewed Witness Robles. For more information and precise wording of Witness Robles' ICIB interview, refer to Exhibit K, which contains the verbatim interview transcription and audio recorded interview.

Subject [redacted] told Witness [redacted] that Witness [redacted] had been in the back seat of Subject Vega's patrol car at the time of the collision. He also told Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] was at MLK.

Subject [redacted] interviewed [redacted] the owner of the parked vehicle hit by Subject Vega **[Exhibit R]** and took photographs of the traffic collision scene **[Exhibit T]**.

Subject [redacted] spoke to Witness Veloz and confirmed Witness [redacted] was in the back seat of Subject Vega's patrol car at the time of the collision. He did not recall if Witness Veloz asked him who responded to the alley to take custody of Witness [redacted] At some point they did speak about it and assumed it was Witness Garzon and Witness Sandoval, but it was never confirmed. Subject [redacted] never asked Witness Garzon or Witness Sandoval if they were the ones who went to the alley.

Subject [redacted] read Witness Schaper's supplemental report **[Exhibit D]** and approved it without asking him to clarify or change any content.

Subject Vega submitted two incident reports to Subject [redacted] at the same time in the Compton Station watch sergeant's office. One incident report listed Witness [redacted] as a suspect for being under the influence of a controlled substance (violation of

11550 (a) HS), and the other listed an unknown person as the suspect for illegal possession of a firearm (violation of 25850 (a) PC). Subject Hernandez was present when Subject [redacted] was given the reports. Subject [redacted] read both reports outside of their presence and they appeared consistent with each other. He asked Subject Vega to make corrections, including documenting Witness [redacted] was not handcuffed, but he did not recall what other specific changes or clarifications he asked Subject Vega to make. He did not recall if he asked for corrections to one of the reports or both.

Subject [redacted] said Witness Veloz saw the unapproved reports before he went home. Subject [redacted] did not recall if Witness Veloz told him to ensure the reports documented Suspect [redacted] was not handcuffed. He also did not recall if he was directed to make sure the reports explained why a supervisor was not promptly notified about Witness [redacted] involvement in the traffic collision, or what specific unit he was transferred to immediately following the crash.

On April 14, 2020, at 0235 hours, Subject [redacted] approved both incident reports written by Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez **[Exhibit B and Exhibit C]**. He did not recall if he told Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez to include the name and unit of who transported Witness [redacted] out of the alley. He read both reports before approving them but "probably missed" the details regarding the unknown transporting patrol unit. He did not recall why he did not direct them to clarify what unit transported Witness [redacted] out of the alley.

When he approved all of the reports, he believed all of the information written was factual. No one ever told him Deputy Garzon found Witness [redacted] out of custody and detained him following Subject Vega's collision. He never heard that was alleged until he read about it in a news article sometime in December, 2020. He did not know whether or not a patrol unit arrived in the alley and transported Witness [redacted] away from the traffic collision before his arrival.

Subject [redacted] also completed a supervisor's report of incident or damage to a county vehicle under file #920-04687-2820-151 **[Exhibit E]** that he submitted to Witness Veloz on May 12, 2020. When he turned in his report, he believed Witness [redacted] was transported to another patrol unit by Subject Vega because that is what he was told; however, he did not investigate what patrol unit that was. He never received any information that Witness [redacted] was not transported out of the alley before he submitted his report. Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez never told him Witness [redacted] was released from their patrol car immediately following the traffic collision.

Subject [redacted] report included a recommendation to conduct an investigation into Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez' failure to safeguard Witness [redacted] in their patrol car; however, he did not recall if he wrote that recommendation or if someone else included it in a revision. He did not recall if he wrote, "Deputy Vega provided care to Suspect [redacted] who was immediately transferred to another patrol

vehicle and taken to a safe location," but when he submitted his report he believed that statement was true.

Subject [redacted] did not recall if anyone at Compton Station asked him about additional details on who responded to the alley and transported Witness [redacted] away from the collision site. He believed an administrative investigation would be conducted regarding the failure to safeguard Witness [redacted] in the patrol car and nothing else.

Subject [redacted] had no contact with Subject Vega or Subject Hernandez after he was interviewed by IAB investigators on November 18, 2020, with the exception of a holiday greeting text message from Subject Hernandez around Thanksgiving. They had not tried to contact him directly, or send messages through other people.

Subject [redacted] said he never withheld or provided false information in his reports or statements regarding Witness [redacted] or the incident that occurred.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IAB investigators sent an interview request letter to Witness [redacted] on September 14, 2020 **[Miscellaneous documents]**. On October 5, 2020, IAB investigators received a letter from the "Ace" law firm stating they were representing Witness [redacted] in a civil claim against Los Angeles County and requested IAB investigators contact them directly for interview requests **[Miscellaneous documents]**. IAB investigators contacted the "Ace" law firm and requested to interview Witness [redacted] On October 12, 2020, IAB investigators received an email from the "Ace" law firm stating Witness [redacted] would not participate in an interview **[Miscellaneous documents]**.

IAB investigators contacted LASD Data Systems Bureau Senior Information Systems Analyst William Catron, #[redacted]55, to obtain global positioning system (GPS) information for Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez' patrol car (Unit 284D/P, vehicle #SH5834) on April 13, 2020. On December 4, 2020, Systems Analyst Catron provided IAB investigators with GPS information for the incident **[Exhibit U]**. GPS information revealed Subject Vega and Subject Hernandez arrived at Wilson Park at 1438 hours and drove away from the location, travelling northbound on Alameda Street, at 1441 hours **[Exhibit V]**.

A twenty minute GPS search of April 13, 2020, beginning at 1443 hours, of the alley where Subject Vega's traffic collision occurred was conducted. The purpose of the GPS search was to identify any patrol units who responded to the alley immediately following the traffic collision. According to the GPS search results, there were no patrol units in the alley within the twenty minute search period **[Exhibit W]**.

> **IAB NOTE: Data Systems Bureau Senior Information Systems Analyst William Catron related that all patrol vehicles equipped with a MDC emit GPS data regardless of whether or not the MDC is turned on.**

No video surveillance footage of Witness [redacted] detention at Wilson Park was found. Compton Station Filing Deputy Matthew Henggeler, #[redacted]94, submitted Witness [redacted] under the influence of a controlled substance case to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's, Compton Office. On May 11, 2020, the case was rejected due to insufficient evidence. The case was assigned District Attorney case number, #40089551.

On December 8, 2020, ICIB investigators began a criminal investigation regarding the circumstances of Witness [redacted] arrest under file #920-00071-2003-441. The administrative investigation was temporarily suspended and began tolling **[Miscellaneous documents]**.

ICIB investigators interviewed several additional personnel including Deputy Humberto Arias (Witness Arias), #[redacted]43, Deputy James Whitmore (Witness Whitmore), #[redacted]36, Detective Jaeton Wilson (Witness Wilson), #[redacted]42, and Deputy Jessica Barlow (Witness Barlow), #[redacted]96. For more information and precise wording of their ICIB interviews, refer to **Exhibit K,** which contains the verbatim interview transcription and audio recorded interviews.

Witness [redacted] and Witness [redacted] provided ICIB investigators with cell phone footage of Witness [redacted] detention by Witness Garzon, as well as photographs of Subject Vega's traffic collision **[Exhibit X]**.

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1 - WITNESS GARZON

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WITNESS INTERVIEW

CHARLIE GARZON

Morales: We are on the record. Today's date is November 18, 2020. The time is approximately 1526 hours. I am Sergeant Joseph Morales and with me is Sergeant Blanca Creta. We are assigned to the Internal Affairs Bureau, which is commanded by Captain William Jaeger. We are at the IAB office in Commerce with Deputy Charlie Garzon, employee number [redacted]39. Sir, this is a Witness Interview regarding case number IV 2511757. The nature of this Witness Interview involves your observations and actions regarding an alleged incident involving Deputies Miguel Vega and Christopher Hernandez. For the record, I need everyone present to state their first and last name and please spell your last name. Again, I'm Sergeant Joseph Morales, M-O-R-A-L-E-S.

Creta: Blanca Creta, C-R-E-T-A.

Garzon: Charlie Garzon, G-A-R-Z-O-N.

Gibbons: Elizabeth Gibbons, G-I-B-B-O-N-S.

Morales: And Ms. Gibbons is here representing Witness Garzon. Sir, did you – prior to going on record, I gave you this Admonition for Witnesses Form for Sworn and Nonsworn Witnesses, is that correct?

Garzon: Yes.

Morales: Okay. And did you have an opportunity to read this form?

Garzon: Yes.

Morales: Okay. Did you understand this form?

Garzon: Yes.

Morales: Okay. I see you marked both boxes as, "Yes," in regards to having a Manual of Policy and Procedures and that you're familiar with its contents, is that correct?

Garzon: Yes.

Morales: Okay. How long have you been a deputy sheriff?

Garzon: A little over 8 years.

Morales: And where are you currently assigned?

Garzon: Compton Station.

Morales: How long have you been assigned at Compton Station?

Garzon: A little over 3 years.

Morales: What shift do you work?

Garzon: I'm on the SAO Team, which is like a flex shift, but primarily PMs.

Morales: Okay. On April 13, 2020, do you remember what shift you were working on that day?

Garzon: That day we were still assigned to the line and we were – I was PM shift that night – that day.

Morales: Okay. And what hours would you have worked on PM shift on that day?

Garzon: It would've been 13 to 23.

Morales: And what car were you assigned to on that day?

Garzon: I wanna say 285 David but I'm not – I don't recall if it's correct.

Morales: Okay. Did you have a partner that day?

Garzon: Yes.

Morales: And who was your partner?

Garzon: Nestor Sandoval.

Morales: Okay. Were the two of you riding in a patrol car together?

Garzon: Yes.

Morales: Do you remember who was driving?

Garzon: I don’t recall.

Morales: Okay. Did you respond to a containment on April – on – on that date regarding a person with a gun?

Garzon: Yes.

Morales: Okay. How did you become involved in that?

Garzon: We heard the – the patch activated. Deputy on the other line – on the other side of the patch said they had a 417 runner, gave a area that they lost obs, somebody – I’m not sure, deputy put up a containment through the patch and we took up one of the containment spots that was put over the radio.

Morales: Okay. Do you recall what you were doing when you heard the emergent radio traffic go out?

Garzon: Driving around.

Morales: In the City of Compton?

Garzon: Correct.

Morales: Okay. And when you responded – you eventually went to a containment spot?

Garzon: Correct.

Morales: Okay. Well, let’s – When you – When you went to the 417 containment, where’s the first place you went?

Garzon: We came up on Mona – We were going northbound on Mona and at which point we took up position just south of where the handling unit was. I’m not too sure what street it was but it was off of Mona.

Morales: Okay. So the handling unit was Deputy Vega and Deputy Vega, at this point, would’ve been between 129th Street and 130th in an east/west alley. Does that sound about right to you?

Garzon: Yes.

Morales: Okay. And I’m showing Witness Garzon an exhibit previously marked D, as in David, and – which was given to Deputy

Hernandez on one of his prior interviews. So, you went to this containment spot, right?

Garzon: Correct.

Morales: How long did it take you to get to the containment spot?

Garzon: Maybe one or two minutes.

Morales: Okay. And did you stay at that containment spot?

Garzon: Yes.

Morales: Okay. How long did you stay at that containment spot for?

Garzon: We were there for quite a bit of time, throughout the duration of the – of the incident.

Morales: Okay. Did you ever – Did you ever become involved with putting a Mr. [redacted] in the backseat of your patrol car?

Garzon: When I put that person in my – the backseat, I didn't know who he was, but, yes, I put somebody in my backseat.

Morales: Well let's talk about how you got that person, where he came from.

Garzon: Okay.

Morales: So, I thought you said you immediately went to a containment spot.

Garzon: Correct.

Morales: Okay and that containment spot was where, again?

Garzon: Was on Mona and it could've – it – it was south of where the handling unit was –

Morales: Okay.

Garzon: -- but it could've been 130th or 129th. I don't recall exactly what street.

Morales: Okay and how did you get Mr. [redacted]?

Garzon: So, when we went in the containment spot, Aero was overhead making announcements, K9 was already on scene and what they were doing was they were basically making K9 announcements, advising the public to remain inside their – their houses and, you know, and the K9 dogs were gonna be out looking for a suspect –

Morales: Okay.

Garzon: -- at which point I saw people standing in the middle of the block outside. So I walked over there to let them know to go back inside their gates or inside their houses because it was gonna be a K9 out looking for a person with a gun. When I made my way towards the middle of the block, I saw a group of people, mainly females and then one male, who kinda caught my attention. He looked like the guy that they had put out – He matched the description of the guy they put out that had the 417.

Morales: Okay.

Garzon: The gun.

Morales: So this person was possibly the person with the gun?

Garzon: Correct.

Morales: Okay.

Garzon: So believing that this person was involved in some way, I detained him, I asked the group of people that he was around if they knew him, they said, no, which gave – which made my suspicion go a little higher. I detained that person and I walked him back to my car.

Morales: Okay. Okay, go ahead.

Garzon: And that was it, I walked him back to my car.

Morales: Okay but was that [redacted]?

Garzon: I found out –

Morales: Who was that person?

Garzon: I found out later that was [redacted].

Morales: Okay. So did you ever go to the alley?

Garzon: I came up –

Morales: Where the traffic collision happened.

Garzon: So, the – Again, I don't know, you know, exactly what street it is, 130th or 129th, but what I do recall is I could see deputies in the alley or either this alley or the one just south of it, and where I made contact with the person I detained, was somewhere around this area, couple yards away from the alley but not at the alley.

Morales: Okay, so you're – you're pointing to 130th Street.

Garzon: Correct.

Morales: So on this map here – So we – we know that Deputy Vega crashed his patrol car in the east/west alley between 129th and 130th –

Garzon: Mm hmm.

Morales: -- so we know that TC happened there, and you said you were south of where the handling unit was.

Garzon: Correct.

Morales: So that would've been 130th. So do you think you were on 130th?

Garzon: Again, I don't recall what street we were on –

Morales: Okay.

Garzon: -- it could've been 130th, it could've been 129th, but I know for a fact that we were south of where the crash was.

Morales: Was it midblock?

Garzon: Where we were –

Morales: Yeah.

Garzon: -- where our containment spot was?

Morales: Where you – Where you went to.

Garzon: No, we were – our patrol vehicle – Like I said, we came up northbound on Mona and when we – we made an eastbound turn,

we positioned our vehicle just east of Mona on one of those east/west streets, either 130th or 129th.

Morales: So you – So when you and Sandoval arrived, you were either on 130th or 131st Street and Mona –

Garzon: I'm sorry, yeah, 130th or 131st.

Morales: So it's either one of those two?

Garzon: Correct.

Morales: Which is fine. But the handling unit would've been here in the east/west alley, somewhere – somewhere in the middle of the alley --

Garzon: Correct.

Morales: -- between 130th and 129th.

Garzon: Yes.

Morales: Okay. So let me back up a little bit. Did you ever drive your patrol car to the east/west alley and see the traffic collision that happened –

Garzon: No.

Morales: -- with Deputy Vega?

Garzon: No.

Morales: Okay. Did your partner?

Garzon: No.

Morales: Okay. So – Okay. I'm just confused as when you made contact with Mr. [redacted] –

Garzon: Mm hmm.

Morales: -- you said he was with a group of people –

Garzon: Correct.

Morales: -- okay? And you said you detained him thinking that he was possibly the 417 suspect.

Garzon: Correct.

Morales: Okay? And when you detained him, was your partner with you?

Garzon: No.

Morales: Where – How far away were you from your partner?

Garzon: We were a good distance away. Maybe a good 50 yards away.

Morales: Okay. But your intention was just to disperse the crowd so – because there was a 417 suspect in the area?

Garzon: 417 suspect and there was K9 announcements being made.

Morales: Okay. But you detained somebody. Was there any other deputies with this guy?

Garzon: In his immediate area, no.

Morales: Okay. So you – So you eventually detained somebody and you walked that person back to your patrol car?

Garzon: Correct. So I walked eastbound to where these people were – were huddled up –

Morales: Okay.

Garzon: -- I detained this person and walked him westbound back towards Mona to our vehicle.

Morales: So when you say, "detained," did you put handcuffs on him?

Garzon: No. I grabbed – placed his hands behind his back, grabbed him and then walked him back to my car.

Morales: Okay. And what did you notice about him? What was he wearing, do you remember?

Garzon: He was wearing – I know he was wearing pants and a shirt. That's all I know. I don't know what color pants, what color shirt.

Morales: Did he have any injuries to his face, do you remember?

Garzon: I do remember he had laceration to his forehead.

Morales: Okay. And did he say anything?

Garzon: He did not want to say one word.

Morales: Okay. Did you ask him what his name was?

Garzon: I did.

Morales: Okay. He refused to answer?

Garzon: I – I remember him telling him, “I’m not saying,” – I remember him saying, “I don’t wanna say anything.”

Morales: That’s what he said?

Garzon: That’s what he said.

Morales: And when you took custody of him – when you detained him, I’m sorry –

Garzon: Mm hmm.

Morales: -- again, no other deputies were around, you’re saying he was with a group of others, just people –

Garzon: Correct.

Morales: -- in the area? Was he doing anything? Was he saying anything?

Garzon: Just standing there.

Morales: He was just standing – standing stationary?

Garzon: Yes.

Morales: Was he – Was he standing in the middle of the street? Was he standing on the sidewalk, do you remember?

Garzon: On the sidewalk.

Morales: On the sidewalk?

Garzon: Yes.

Morales: You remember, was it north curbline or south curbline?

Garzon: North.

Morales: Okay, so if you were on 130th Street –

Garzon: Mm hmm.

Morales: -- and I'm not saying you were, but if you were and you made contact with this person, who you later determined to be [redacted] where do you think on this map here that you saw him?

Garzon: You want –

Morales: On Exhibit D here, where do you think that you saw him approximately?

Garzon: Would you like me just to point?

Morales: Sure, you can – you can mark it –

Garzon: Okay.

Morales: Use that pen, you can mark it.

Garzon: Somewhere around this area right here.

Morales: Okay.

Garzon: 'Cause I know we were close to the alley –

Morales: Mm hmm.

Garzon: -- but we weren't at the alley.

Morales: And where do you think your partner's car was?

Garzon: Oh, we were over here. There's a alley right there so –

Morales: Oh, at the mouth?

Garzon: At the mouth, yes.

Morales: Okay. Okay. So if you're – If you and Deputy Sandoval over here at the north/south alley and you were walking eastbound to clear the crowd and you saw him there. Do you know if there was another unit on 130th and Alameda?

Garzon: There was.

Morales: Okay. Do you know who that unit was?

Garzon: I don't.

Morales: Okay. But you saw a patrol car?

Garzon: Correct.

Morales: Okay. Was there any other units around that you saw besides your partner's vehicle here and this other unit there?

Garzon: Throughout the time – Throughout the entirety of the incident, there was deputies walking up north and – north and south through this alley, there was deputies at this intersection on 130th and Alameda –

Morales: Okay.

Garzon: Yeah.

Morales: So deputies here –

Garzon: Yes.

Morales: -- at the mouth here, north of 130th and south of 130th. So multiple deputies here, deputies here, deputies here and deputies there.

Garzon: Correct.

Morales: And for the record, I put on Exhibit D, I pointed to the – to 130th and then the north and south entryways to the alleys, so Deputy Garzon indicated there were numerous deputies in this area on the north entrance to the alley off 130th, off the south entrance to 130th, on Alameda and 130th and also on Mona and 130th, is that correct?

Garzon: Correct, sir.

Morales: Okay. And him and his partner's vehicle were approximately – were a few houses to the east of 130th at the north/south alley. Okay. Okay, so you made contact with [redacted], you think he's possibly the suspect – and you think he's possibly the suspect, why?

Garzon: He matched the description I remember hearing Deputy Vega put out –

Morales: Okay.

Garzon: -- during the 417 where –

Morales: Okay. And then, I'm sorry, did you say you saw an injury on him?

Garzon: Yes.

Morales: What was that injury, again?

Garzon: It was a laceration to the forehead. I don't know where exactly, but I remember he had some type of cut on the forehead.

Morales: Did you escort him back to your patrol car that was over here?

Garzon: Yes.

Morales: Okay. So you escorted him back several houses?

Garzon: Yes.

Morales: But he wasn't handcuffed?

Garzon: No.

Morales: How did you escort him?

Garzon: Control holds, walked him back and he basically walked with me.

Morales: What kind of control holds would you say?

Garzon: His arms behind his back – Hands behind his back, hands in the back – interlocked and my hand holding on to his interlocked hands.

Morales: Okay. So you use a firm grip, you escorted him 10 to 12 houses, approximately, maybe a little more, maybe a little less, back to your patrol car. Do you put him in the backseat of your patrol car?

Garzon: Yes.

Morales: Okay. And then what happened next?

Garzon: After that, I remember just a whole bunch of things going on, K9 showed up, they were going up and down the street. I know at some point –

Morales: Let me be more specific, what happened with Mr. [redacted]? Do you think he's possibly the 417 suspect when you escort him?

Garzon: Yes.

Morales: Did you – Did you pat him down before you took him?

Garzon: Yes.

Morales: Okay.

Garzon: I put him – I patted – I patted him down, checked to make sure he didn't have anything, put him in the backseat of the car.

Morales: Okay. Did you – Was it a full search or did you just pat down?

Garzon: It was a pat down, yeah.

Morales: Okay. Did he have any identification on him? Did he have a wallet on him?

Garzon: I don't recall.

Morales: Okay. If you would've found a wallet, would you have looked at it?

Garzon: I would have taken it out, yes.

Morales: Okay. Do you recall him having identification?

Garzon: I don't.

Morales: You don't recall or he didn't have any identification?

Garzon: I don't recall if he did or not.

Morales: Okay. Alright, go ahead.

Garzon: Okay. At some point, we get ahold of the handling unit, I believe it was my partner over the radio, I'm not – I don't remember, and they came over and basically told us, this guy was in the backseat of their car and wasn't in fact the 417 runner.

Morales: Okay. So you had him in the backseat of your car –

Garzon: Mm hmm.

Morales: -- and somebody comes to you –

Garzon: Mm hmm.

Morales: -- and tells you that he was in the backseat of their car.

Garzon: Correct.

Morales: Do you know – who – who was that who came to you?

Garzon: I'm not sure if it was Deputy Vega or his partner, Deputy Hernandez.

Morales: Okay.

Garzon: But I know at some point we found out that this guy was actually in the backseat of their car as they were on their way to CRDF, I guess, to book him.

Morales: Okay. So the first time you found out that [redacted] was in the backseat of Deputy Vega or Deputy Hernandez's car was when either when Deputy Vega or Deputy Hernandez went to the – to whatever location you were at –

Garzon: Yeah.

Morales: -- and told you that?

Garzon: Correct.

Morales: Okay. You have any questions so far?

Creta: When – You said there was other deputies in the area when you saw Mr. [redacted] surrounded by the group of civilians, correct?

Garzon: Correct.

Creta: How far was the nearest deputy aside from – from you who was walking towards Mr. [redacted]

Garzon: I'm sorry, can you ask that one more time?

Creta: Okay, so when – when you first saw Mr. [redacted] –

Garzon: Mm hmm.

Creta: -- surrounded by a group of civilians and you said you were approaching the group so that you could tell them to go back inside their homes –

Garzon: Mm hmm.

Creta: -- and that you also stated that there was several other units that were – throughout the containment that you saw moving on foot and stuff like that. So when you approached that group of individuals that Mr. [redacted] was surrounded by, where was the nearest deputy, other than yourself, and where were they in relation to that group?

Garzon: As I was walking towards that area where the group was, I know I saw deputies walking north and south on that alley. They were not stationary, they were moving back and forth but there was definitely a stationary deputy on Alameda and 130th. So, I mean, I don't know how far the deputies in the alley might've been from me because as I was walking over there, you know, they weren't at the same position but there was one stationary deputy at 130th and Alameda.

Creta: And how far was that person from the suspect, the one that you detained?

Garzon: I mean, if we're gonna say the deputy on 130th and Alameda, he could be a good 20 yards, if I had to guess.

Creta: Okay.

Morales: When either Deputy Vega or Deputy Hernandez came to you and told you, "Hey, this guy was in our backseat," –

Garzon: Mm hmm.

Morales: -- did they give a reason as to why he was in the street by himself?

Garzon: I don't remember.

Morales: Okay. Did you ever call for a 902R?

Garzon: My partner did.

Morales: He did?

Garzon: Yes.

Morales: Okay. Why did you guys call for a 902R?

Garzon: Because he had a laceration on his forehead.

Morales: Okay. Was that before or after you knew he was in the backseat of Vega and Hernandez's car?

Garzon: I don't remember. I'm not the one that made that call.

Morales: Did you ever run him?

Garzon: I believe we did.

Morales: How did you get his information?

Garzon: Asking him, I think. I'm not sure.

Morales: Well, 'cause you said you were escorting him to your car and he wasn't telling you anything.

Garzon: Correct.

Morales: So, how did you eventually find out he was who he said he was, or how – I mean, he didn't tell you – he didn't tell who he was at first. Do you remember how you get that information?

Garzon: I don't.

Morales: Were you present with your partner when Mr. [redacted] was in the backseat of your car now, when fire came?

Garzon: I was – I was in the area, yeah. I was still there.

Morales: Okay. So your partner calls for 902R –

Garzon: Mm hmm.

Morales: -- 902R eventually comes in. At this point you're still at the same spot –

Garzon: Correct.

Morales: -- right? He hasn't moved.

Garzon: Correct.

Morales: He's still in the backseat of your car.

Garzon: Yeah.

Morales: Paramedics, fire comes to treat him? Does [redacted] give fire his name?

Garzon: I don't know. When he was in the backseat of our car, I – I specifically remember me helping out K9 and I left the area for – for a good amount of time.

Morales: Okay.

Garzon: I know my partner stayed there, I think another deputy responded to that area –

Morales: Okay.

Garzon: -- by the time I came back, I wanna say he was already gone.

Morales: Okay.

Garzon: So I – I don't know what transpired during that time.

Morales: Okay. So when you put him in the backseat, you found out, "Hey, he's not the suspect – He's not the 417 suspect". Find out that he was involved in something different –

Garzon: Mm hmm.

Morales: -- your partner calls 902R and then when you come back, he's already gone.

Garzon: Correct.

Morales: You or your partner did not go to the hospital with the suspect, right?

Garzon: We did not.

Morales: Okay. Do you remember if a sergeant ever responded to your location?

Garzon: Yes.

Morales: Do you – Do you remember which sergeant that was?

Garzon: Sergeant Magana, I believe.

Morales: Okay. Did you relay anything about Mr. [redacted] to Sergeant [redacted]?

Garzon: I didn't.

Morales: Okay. Do you know if anybody did?

Garzon: I don't know.

Morales: Okay. So did you ever get a chance to tell him, "Hey, this guy was in Vega's backseat and TC"?

Garzon: No.

Morales: Okay. And, again, you never went to the alley where the traffic collision happened – Deputy Vega's traffic collision?

Garzon: No.

Morales: Okay. Did any other sergeant arrive to your location, that you spoke to?

Garzon: I don't remember any other sergeant.

Morales: Okay. When Mr. [redacted] when you were escorting him down to the patrol car, when you were detaining him, did he appear to be under the influence of a controlled substance?

Garzon: I don't remember.

Morales: Okay. So your purpose in detaining him was solely to figure out if he was the 417 suspect?

Garzon: Correct.

Morales: Okay, 'cause you thought he may be involved. Do you know how long you had him and he was placed in the backseat before fire came?

Garzon: No, because when I left with K9, he was still in our backseat and fire was not there. By the time I came back, which was I – I don't remember, it was quite a bit of time –

Morales: Okay.

Garzon: -- he wasn't there anymore or –

Morales: Okay.

Garzon: -- yeah.

Morales: Okay. You have questions?

Garzon: I don't.

Morales: Okay. That'll conclude the interview. The time is approximately 1547 hours.

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2 - WITNESS SANDOVAL

WITNESS INTERVIEW

NESTOR SANDOVAL

Morales: We're on the record. Today's date is November 18th, 2020. The time is approximately 1600 hours. I am Sergeant Joseph Morales and with me is Sergeant Blanca Creta. We are assigned to the Internal Affairs Bureau which is commanded by Captain William Jaeger. We are at the IAB Office in Commerce with Deputy Nestor Sandoval employee number [redacted]. I'm sorry [redacted] - what is it?

Sandoval: [redacted]4-9.

Morales: [redacted]4-9. This is a witness interview regarding case number IV 2511757. The nature of this witness interview involves your observations and actions regarding an alleged incident involving deputies Miguel Vega and Christopher Hernandez. For the record I need everyone present to state their first and last name and please spell your last name. Again I am Sergeant Joseph Morales M-O-R-A-L-E-S.

Creta: Blanca Creta C-R-E-T-A.

Sandoval: Nestor Sandoval S-A-N-D-O-V-A-L.

Gibbons: Elizabeth Gibbons.

Morales: Alright

Gibbons: G-I-B-B-O-N-S.

Morales: And Miss Gibbons is here representing Deputy Sandoval. Sir, did you have an opportunity to this form? The Admonition of Witnesses form?

Sandoval: Yes.

Morales: Okay. And did you understand this form?

Sandoval: Yes.

Morales: And I see that you marked both boxes as - as yes in regards to having a -a Policy and Ethics chapter of the manual Policy and Procedures and your understanding of its contents. Is that correct?

Sandoval: Yes.

Morales: Okay. How long have you been a Deputy Sheriff?

Sandoval: I've been a Deputy Sheriff for eight years.

Morales: Okay. And where are you assigned?

Sandoval: I'm currently assign - assigned to Compton Station Patrol.

Morales: Okay. How long have you been at Compton?

Sandoval: I've been at Compton for a little over three years now.

Morales: Okay. And what shift do you work?

Sandoval: I work p.m. shift.

Morales: Do you remember which car you were working on April 13th, 2020?

Sandoval: Our unit changes constantly, so I couldn't re - tell you which one I was that day, sir.

Morales: Do you remember what shift you were working?

Sandoval: Yes p.m. shift.

Morales: And - and did you have a partner that day?

Sandoval: I did.

Morales: Okay. Who was your partner?

Sandoval: Deputy Charlie Garzon.

Morales: Okay. Do you remember responding to a 417 containment on that day?

Sandoval: Yes.

Morales: Okay. How did you become involved in that?

Sandoval: We became involved because we took a containment spot. We responded to that call.

Morales: Did you hear emergent radio traffic and responded?

Sandoval: Correct. Emergency; I activated the patch through responding to assist our partners.

Morales: Do you remember where you were when you heard the emergent radio traffic go out?

Sandoval: I don't recall where I was at when the radio traffic first came out.

Morales: Okay. When you - when you arrived to the location do you remember where you went?

Sandoval: I don't remember the exact street but I know that we were just east of Mona.

Morales: Okay.

Sandoval: I couldn't tell you what street it was actually on.

Morales: I'm gonna show you an exhibit. It's marked D as in David. Deputy Hernandez and Deputy Garzon previously marked some locations on this map here. This is 129th Street here. This is 130th Street here. This is an east and west alley between those two streets. We got Alameda Street running north and south and then Mona running north and south.

Sandoval: Okay.

Morales: There was a traffic collision that occurred in this east/west alley here between 129th and 130th. The traffic collision involved one of the - it involved a Deputy Sheriff. Based on this map do you remember where you were during that incident?

Sandoval: Yeah, based off of this map we must have been on 130th at --

Morales: Okay.

Sandoval: Just east of Mona.

Morales: Okay. It - right around - would it have been here where this north/south alley is here cause --

Sandoval: Correct.

Morales: Where you put your finger?

Sandoval: Yeah right around there.

Morales: Okay.

Sandoval: We took a containment spot.

Morales: Okay. Cause there's a black dot here that was previously marked.

Sandoval: Mm-mm.

Morales: Does that look about where you would have responded too?

Sandoval: Yeah right around there.

Morales: Do you remember who was driving? You or your partner?

Sandoval: I don't recall. I - I want to say it was my partner.

Morales: Okay.

Sandoval: But I'm not too sure to be honest.

Morales: Okay. It doesn't matter. If you don't recall you don't recall. And I'm sorry did you say how long it took you to get to that containment spot?

Gibbons: From when they first heard the radio traffic?

Morales: Yeah. When you first heard the radio traffic?

Sandoval: I would say - I don't recall the exact time to be honest.

Morales: Okay.

Sandoval: Maybe a couple minutes.

Morales: Was there anybody else at the containment spot with you?

Sandoval: At the spot we were at, no.

Morales: Okay. When you were there at the containment spot did you stay together with your partner at all times? Or did your partner ever leave your position?

Sandoval: At one point he left. I stayed with the vehicle.

Morales: Alright.

Sandoval: At our containment spot.

Morales: Okay.

Sandoval: And I saw him walk. I'm not sure where but he did walk off somewhere on the street.

Morales: Okay. Do you remember which direction he walked?

Sandoval: I don't recall to be honest.

Morales: Do - do you remember why he walked away?

Sandoval: He was trying to get - we had an active containment going. So, we had an outstanding suspect with a gun. So, I believe what he was trying to do was get some of the residence that were outside on the street to try and go back inside.

Morales: Okay. When he returned was he still by himself or did he - or let me - let me rephrase that. When he left you did he go by himself?

Sandoval: Yes.

Morales: To talk to the residence?

Sandoval: Yes.

Morales: And when he came back was he still alone?

Sandoval: No.

Morales: Okay. Who was with him?

Sandoval: I don't remember his name. I believe it was Mr. [redacted]

Morales: Okay. And what happened - why did your partner come back with Mr. [redacted]

Sandoval: He - I believe he - I want to say he initially thought he was the suspect that they were looking for.

Morales: Okay.

Sandoval: From the person with the gun that ran.

Morales: And what did you guys do with him?

Sandoval: We detained him in our backseat.

Morales: Okay. Do you know if Mr. [redacted] had any identification on him?

Sandoval: I don't recall.

Morales: Okay. Did you know if he looked injured?

Sandoval: I remember seeing like a scrape or a laceration on - somewhere on his facial area; like his head area I want to say.

Morales: At that particular moment at that time did you know how he sustained those injuries?

Sandoval: No.

Morales: Okay. Did you or your partner ever call for a 902R for Mr. [redacted]

Sandoval: Yes.

Morales: Okay. Who called? Do you remember?

Sandoval: I believe it was me.

Morales: Okay. And why did you call for a 902R?

Sandoval: Oh, for his injuries cause he had an apparent injury.

Morales: Okay. When you made the call for a 902R did you have any information about him being involved in a traffic collision?

Sandoval: No. Not initially.

Morales: Okay. So, you didn't know that he was involved in a traffic collision when the 902R request was made?

Sandoval: I - I honestly I don't - I don't recall.

Morales: Okay.

Sandoval: To be honest.

Morales: Yeah. If you don't remember.

Sandoval: Yeah.

Morales: You don't remember.

Sandoval: I don't recall if it was before I found out he was in a collision or after. I - I don't know to be honest.

Morales: Fair enough. How did you find out that he was involved in a collision?

Sandoval: I believe we spoke to Deputy Vega or - or Hernandez. I'm not too sure which one it was.

Morales: Mm-mm.

Sandoval: Cause we - like I said initially we thought that might be their suspect.

Morales: Mm-mm.

Sandoval: So, I don't know. I think one of them came over. I'm not sure if it was Vega or Hernandez.

Morales: Mm-mm.

Sandoval: At that point that's when we - when we found out that that guy was the one in the backseat when the collision occurred.

Morales: If - so, one of them either Vega or Hernandez? It wasn't both together? It was one or the other?

Sandoval: No. It was one or the other. It wasn't both.

Morales: Okay. And why - did they come to you? Did you go to them? Or?

Sandoval: No. I believe they came to our containment spot.

Morales: Okay. And why did they come to your containment spot?

Sandoval: Because we were trying to verify if that was their suspect.

Morales: Okay. So, did somebody ask for either Deputy Vega or Deputy Hernandez to come to them?

Sandoval: Yes.

Morales: To ID Mr. [redacted] as a possible suspect in the 417?

Sandoval: Correct.

Morales: Okay. And either Deputy Hernandez or Deputy Vega came and took a look at Mr. [redacted] in the backseat and stated what?

Sandoval: And stated that that was the guy that was in their backseat.

Morales: Okay.

Sandoval: From the collision.

Morales: Okay. So, at that - did they - did this person tell you - okay. So, this person told you that they were involved in a collision? They were in the backseat earlier?

Sandoval: No. He was - Mr. - as far as Mr. [redacted] No, he was very uncooperative. He just said he wanted to go home.

Morales: Okay. Okay. But either Deputy Hernandez or Deputy Vega told you hey this guy was in our backseat?

Sandoval: Yes.

Morales: Okay.

Sandoval: Yes.

Morales: And that's how you found out?

Sandoval: Correct.

Morales: Okay. And it could have been after that is when 902R was called?

Sandoval: After that when we determined that that wasn't their suspect they were looking for that's when I requested the 902R.

Morales: Okay. So, it was after he was ident - positively identified as not being the suspect?

Sandoval: Correct.

Morales: Okay.

Sandoval: Yes.

Morales: And that's because one of the handling units had to tell you that?

Sandoval: Correct.

Morales: Okay. So, the 902R request was made after he was determined he wasn't the suspect and you found out he was involved in a traffic collision?

Sandoval: Yes.

Morales: Who responded? Do you remember?

Sandoval: As far as who?

Morales: Fire?

Sandoval: I - I think - I want to say that's County Fire.

Morales: Mm-mm.

Sandoval: So, it would have been LA County Fire. I don't know what engine it was, sir. But they did respond.

Morales: Before Fire came did Mr. [redacted] ever identify himself to either you, your partner or any other deputy who was there? Do --

Sandoval: I - I don't recall to be honest, sir.

Morales: Do you remember ever asking him what - Hey, what's your name? -

Sandoval: I don't recall if I did.

Morales: Okay. When Fire and paramedics arrive to treat Mr. [redacted] were you still here on 130th and the mouth of the alley? North/south alley right there?

Sandoval: Yes.

Morales: Okay. Do you recall if Mr. [redacted] was cooperative with Fire and giving them his name?

Sandoval: I believe so.

Morales: Okay. So, he would have said - My name is [redacted]. -?

Sandoval: I ---

Morales: Something --

Sandoval: I'm not sure to be honest.

Morales: Okay.

Sandoval: But - he seemed to cooperative at the time.

Morales: Okay. Once Fire was tending to him what happened with Mr. [redacted] next?

Sandoval: Since we still had obviously an active containment still looking and searching for our suspect we stayed at our containment spot.

Morales: Mm-mm.

Sandoval: I believe a Sergeant showed up. I could be wrong. But I want to say it was Sergeant [redacted]

Morales: Mm-mm.

Sandoval: That showed up to our scene. And we requested another unit to go to the hospital with Mr. [redacted]

Morales: Okay. And did another unit go to the hospital?

Sandoval: Yes. Another unit showed up to where we were at right off of Mona and 130th.

Morales: Okay.

Sandoval: And left with the ambulance.

Morales: Okay. So- do you know who that was?

Sandoval: I believe it was Deputy Schaper.

Morales: Okay. So, another unit left with the ambulance to the MLK Hospital?

Sandoval: Yes and I --

Morales: And you remained?

Sandoval: Yes.

Morales: Okay.

Sandoval: We stayed this - the initial containment spot.

Morales: Okay. Did you relay any information about Mr. [redacted] to Sergeant [redacted]?

Sandoval: As far as?

Morales: Did you ever tell him - Hey, this guy was in a traffic collision with Deputy Vega. - ? He was in the backseat of Deputy Vega's car.

Sandoval: I don't recall to be honest.

Morales: Okay. Could it have happened and you just don't remember?

Sandoval: It could have yes.

Morales: Okay. Do you remember if your partner told Sergeant [redacted] that?

Sandoval: I - I don't know.

Morales: Okay. Same thing could have happened?

Sandoval: It could have.

Morales: But you don't remember?

Sandoval: Correct.

Morales: Okay.

Creta: Do you know if the - when - when you initially spoke to [redacted] when he was being escorted back to your radio car.

Sandoval: Correct.

Creta: Prior to being contacted by the unit that was in the alleyway did he give any statements as to how he had sustained the injuries?

Sandoval: No. Like I said he was very uncooperative. He just said he wanted to go home. I - I believe [redacted] was somewhere outside of the containment attempting to pick him up.

Morales: Mm-mm.

Sandoval: But that's - like I said he was just - all he said is - I want to go home. -

Creta: And how did you become aware that [redacted] was somehow - somewhere around the containment?

Sandoval: I think his - his - there was a gentleman that was alleging that was [redacted] outside of the containment. If I remember correctly. Like right off of Mona and 130th. And he claimed that that was his - [redacted].

Creta: And from the time that your partner came to your radio car with this [redacted] suspect.

Sandoval: Mm-mm.

Creta: Did - how much time from that point did it take for the unit to come out to you and - and positively identify this person who was in the backseat of the radio car?

Sandoval: I couldn't tell you the exact timeframe ma'am. Like I said I know they were - were still searching for the suspect. So, I don't know if it was - like - I - I really don't the estimated time from them coming over to tell us that was him.

Creta: Okay. And did he offer any explanation as to why the suspect outside of the - why he wasn't in the - in the alleyway anymore?

Sandoval: No.

Creta: No explanation?

Sandoval: No. Like I said I didn't bother asking either.

Morales: Okay. Did Mr. [redacted] appear to be under the influence of any narcotics?

Sandoval: I mean he could have. I know he was involved in a TC, so I know he could have been dazed. He could have been under the influence.

Morales: Okay. Okay. Is that it?

Creta: Yes.

Morales: Okay. Did any - any other sergeants arrive besides Sergeant [redacted] that you recall?

Sandoval: Not that I recall, sir.

Morales: Did you ever respond to the alley where the traffic collision occurred?

Sandoval: I believe we responded to the alley after everything was said and done.

Morales: Okay.

Sandoval: (indiscernible)

Morales: After the containment --

Sandoval: Correct.

Morales: - was broken down?

Sandoval: After it was broken down I believe at that point we did respond to the alley and I think offered to assist and that was it I want to say.

Morales: Okay.

Sandoval: But it wasn't during the actual containment. No.

Morales: Okay. Alright. That's the interview. The time is 1612 hours.

REFER TO INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPTS AND AUDIO CD

3 - WITNESS SCHAPER

IV 2511757

WITNESS INTERVIEW

NICHOLAS SCHAPER

Morales: We're on the record. Today's date is October 30th, 2020, and the time is approximately 2:54 hours. I'm sorry, 14:54 hours. I am Sergeant Joseph Morales and with me is Sergeant Blanca Creta. We are assigned to the Internal Affairs Bureau, which is commanded by Captain William Jaeger. We are at the IAB office in Commerce, with Deputy Nicholas Schaper, employee number [redacted]42. This is a witness interview regarding case number IV 2511757. The nature of this witness interview involves your observations and actions regarding an alleged incident regarding Deputy Vega and Deputy Hernandez, regarding the transportation of a male suspect named [redacted] For the record, I need everyone present to state their first and last name, and please spell your last name. Again, I'm Sergeant Joseph Morales, M-O-R-A-L-E-S.

Creta: Blanca Creta, C-R-E-T-A.

Schaper: Deputy Schaper, S-C-H-A-P-E-R.

Gibbons: Elizabeth Gibbons, G-I-B-B-O-N-S.

Morales: And Deputy Schaper is here being represented by Ms. Gibbons. How do you spell Nicholas?

Schaper: N-I-C-H-O-L-A-S.

Morales: Thank you. Deputy Schaper, prior to going on record, you were provided with an admonition for witnesses form for sworn and non-sworn witnesses. Is that correct?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: Did you have an opportunity to read the form?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: Do you understand the form?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: And I see that you marked both boxes as 'yes' in regards to having a policy and ethics chapter of the manual of policy and procedures, and your understanding of its contents. Is that correct?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: Sir, how long have you been a deputy sheriff?

Schaper: Nine years.

Morales: And where are you currently assigned?

Schaper: Compton Station.

Morales: And how long have you been at Compton Station?

Schaper: Just about three years.

Morales: Do you remember when you were assigned to Compton?

Schaper: July 2017, yeah, around 2017.

Morales: And where did you work before that?

Schaper: At Twin Towers Correctional Facility.

Morales: On April 13th, 2020, do you remember what shift and what car you were working that date?

Schaper: I do not. PM shift, but don't remember the car I was working.

Morales: Is PM shift your normal shift?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: I'm going to go here to exhibit A, as in Adam. It's a supplemental report under file number 920-04690-2822-399. It's dated April 13th, 2020. Sir, did you write that report there?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: And this report here talks about an incident where you transported a person named [redacted] to Martin Luther King Community Hospital. Do you remember transporting him? Mr. [redacted]

Schaper: Well, I followed the Paramedics to the hospital, yes.

Morales: But so, we're going to talk about the circumstances of that date.

Schaper: Okay.

Morales: And that date just happens to be April 13th, 2020. So, just based upon this kind of jogging your memory a little bit, do you recall if that was a one person car or a two person car?

Schaper: One.

Morales: A one person car? Okay. And there's nothing on here that says what car you were working, so. It could have been –

Schaper: Usually, probably 281 Eddie, is usually what my call assign is.

Morales: Have you worked the same car for an extended period of time, or do you work different cars on different days?

Schaper: Different cars, different days.

Morales: It's not terribly important. I just wanted to see if we know. But you feel confident this was a one person car that you were working on this date?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: April 13th? Alright. So, I mentioned Jesus [redacted] How did you become involved in this incident involving [redacted]? This involves [redacted] and Deputies Vega and Deputy Hernandez.

Schaper: I was just on a containment spot and then I was just advised to transport somebody to the hospital. Which ended up being [redacted]

Morales: So, let's back it up a little bit. You said you were on a containment spot. Why were you on a containment spot?

Schaper: It was a 417 suspect.

Morales: So, how did you know there was a 417 suspect?

Schaper: It went out over the patch.

Morales: The radio?

Schaper: Yes, sorry.

Morales: Who put out, was that emergent radio traffic?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: Do you recall who put out emergent radio traffic?

Schaper: I believe it was Deputy Vega and Deputy [redacted].

Morales: And Deputy who?

Schaper: I'm sorry, Hernandez.

Morales: Do you recall what you were doing when you heard emergent radio traffic?

Schaper: I don't.

Morales: So, let's, we're going to start at the very beginning. You're doing, you're working. Are you in uniform already?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: And are you on patrol?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: Do you, were you in your patrol car?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: And you hear somebody either Vega or Hernandez, put out radio traffic? Emergent radio traffic of a 417 suspect?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: Do you recall where that incident was?

Schaper: I believe it was off of Mona and 130th.

Morales: Okay.

Schaper: Roughly right there.

Morales: In that general area, okay. And what did you do? You said you took up a containment spot, right?

Schaper: Uh huh.

Morales: Where did you go?

Schaper: I want to say it was off, I was on either Mona and 130th, or Mona and 131st, I believe.

Morales: I'm going to show you an exhibit here. I'm going to call it exhibit B as in boy. This is exhibit B as in boy. And for the record, Deputy Hernandez saw the same exhibit during his interview, and just made two "X's" on this photograph here, but I'm also going to show it to you. Okay? So, this is a photograph of Alameda Street. It's a birds' eye view of Alameda Street, East 129th, 130th. And Mona would have been –

Schaper: Right here, yeah.

Morales: - the north south, here, to the left. It's not a view on here. Just based on this as you know, for reference, where do you think you were when you took a containment spot?

Schaper: I was, I want to say I was on Mona and 130th, or probably Mona and 131st, somewhere right in there.

Morales: Somewhere south of this, or southwest of where that borders on this end?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: Did you drive immediately there or were you directed to that location by somebody?

Schaper: Directed over the radio.

Morales: Okay.

Schaper: Whoever was running the command post.

Morales: Did it go something like this, and correct me if I'm wrong, but you hear emergent radio traffic. You say hey, I'm going to respond. And you say you're going somewhere and then they tell you, somebody tells you to take a position on Mona or 130th, Mona and 130th or 131st?

Schaper: Right. Someone said over the radio, "Let me get a unit to Mona and 130th.", and that's where I responded to. And I put my vehicle there.

Morales: How long were you there before you left? Like you get to the containment spot and you're parked there. And that's your spot, and you're on the containment and you're waiting for something to happen, you're waiting to see something? How long do you think you were there at that containment spot?

Schaper: I don't recall exactly.

Morales: Do you think it could have been more than ten minutes?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: Do you think it could have been more than twenty?

Schaper: Possibly. To be honest with you I don't remember. I know it was a little bit of time, but –

Morales: Were you at the containment spot by yourself or was somebody else there?

Schaper: I was by myself.

Morales: And what led you to leave that containment spot?

Schaper: I was just advised to transport [redacted] to the hospital.

Morales: Who advised you?

Schaper: I don't recall. I think it went over the radio.

Morales: Okay.

Schaper: And since I was right there, and I was by myself, I just volunteered, I'll take him.

Morales: So, nobody came to you and said, "Hey, I need you to go somewhere to take this guy somewhere."?

Schaper: Not that I recall, no.

Morales: So, you recall something happening over the radio and you saying okay, is that correct?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: Do you know who the sergeant was at that time?

Schaper: [redacted].

Morales: Was it [redacted] possibly who asked over the radio?

Schaper: It could have been.

Morales: So, and again, correct me if I'm wrong, I just want to make sure I get the sequence of events right. You're at a containment spot for at least ten minutes. Somebody over the radio says, "Hey, I need somebody transported." And you volunteered to do it?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: So, where do you go? Like you left the containment spot and then where do you go?

Schaper: I just followed the paramedics up to the hospital at MLK.

Morales: Did you go into, at this point did you know that Deputy Vega had been involved in a crash?

Schaper: No.

Morales: Did you go into the alley and meet up with Deputy Vega?

Schaper: No.

Morales: So, you just follow paramedics?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: To MLK?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: Were you the only unit following paramedics, or did somebody else come with you?

Schaper: I was the only unit.

Morales: Alright, so, you never made it into the alley?

Schaper: No.

Morales: Did you ever see Mr. [redacted] before you left the paramedics, before you followed the paramedics, did you ever see Mr. [redacted]

Schaper: No.

Morales: Did you know that anybody was in the backseat of Deputy Vega's patrol car?

Schaper: No.

Morales: Do you know which, where the paramedics came? Did you go to the paramedics or did the paramedics come towards you?

Schaper: They, from where my containment spot was, I remember them driving down the street and I just followed them from there. So, I didn't have to move my vehicle.

Morales: I'm going to show you another exhibit. Exhibit C for this interview only. You can kind of see a little bit of Mona here. So, you think you're about 130th and Mona somewhere?

Schaper: Right.

Morales: This is the east, west alley between 129th and 130th.

Schaper: Uh huh.

Morales: And so, you would have been either here or somewhere down here?

Schaper: Correct.

Morales: Where did the paramedics come from?

Schaper: If I was on 130th, they came from 130th. I don't, like I said, I don't remember exactly what street I was on. I just remember that they came out and I was blocking. I reversed and then I followed them straight to MLK. So, whatever street that they were on was where I was at.

Morales: If they were on the alley, is there a containment spot at the alley and Mona, or does that end right there?

Schaper: No, the houses are right there, yeah. I was on an actual street. Because I remember I had to block it off and I didn't let anybody in or out.

Morales: The paramedics came. You said they came to you and then you followed the paramedics to Martin Luther King Hospital?

Schaper: Right.

Morales: And there was no other patrol vehicles following that ambulance?

Schaper: No, not that I recall.

Morales: But you said, "Hey, I'll step up, I'll go to the hospital with them."?

Schaper: Uh huh.

Morales: Do you know if anybody, there were any deputies inside that ambulance?

Schaper: No, there wasn't.

Morales: There wasn't, okay. So, you were the sole deputy with Mr. [redacted] going to Martin Luther King?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: When you got to Martin Luther King, you followed, so, you followed the suspect to Martin Luther King Hospital. How far away was Martin Luther King from where you were at?

Schaper: A few miles.

Morales: Pretty close?

Schaper: Yeah.

Morales: How long till you get there?

Schaper: I don't know; five minutes, if that.

Morales: Did you know why you were following Mr. [redacted] to the hospital?

Schaper: No.

Morales: What was, what was tasked, what was your task? What was, what exactly were you volunteering for? Like what did you know? You know you're going to follow this guy to the hospital, but did you know he was a suspect in anything?

Schaper: Most of the time he's a suspect, most of the times they are suspects if we are sitting on them at the hospital.

Morales: Did you think this person was a suspect?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: But this person was inside of an ambulance all by himself?

Schaper: Without a deputy, yes.

Morales: And he gets to the hospital. And do you escort the suspect with the paramedics into the hospital?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: So, he's treated?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: Did you call for 902R at any time?

Schaper: No.

Morales: Did a sergeant respond to the hospital with you or was it just you?

Schaper: It was just me and a sergeant came shortly after.

Morales: What sergeant came after?

Schaper: [redacted].

Morales: How long until [redacted] showed up, do you remember?

Schaper: I don't.

Morales: Alright. So, you get to the hospital. The paramedics take Mr. [redacted]. Did you notice anything about Mr. [redacted], did you get a chance to see him visually?

Schaper: He had like a slight cut on his eyebrow and then that's all I could see, and then him complaining of pain. But I didn't see any, anything else.

Morales: Did you notice if he had any signs and symptoms consisting with being under the influence of a controlled substance?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: You did notice that he displayed them?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: What kind of symptoms did he display?

Schaper: The way he was talking, like very fast. Like he was, for being in an accident, it could have been adrenaline, but that's pretty much it.

Morales: Okay.

Schaper: I mean he was, he wasn't cooperative the entire time whatsoever. So –

Morales: But he had rapid speech?

Schaper: Uh huh.

Morales: Did you notice anything about his pupils?

Schaper: I did not.

Morales: Was there any other symptomologies besides rapid speech that you felt were consistent with being under the influence of a controlled substance?

Schaper: It was hot that day. So, I know he was sweating too, so.

Morales: You said he wasn't cooperative?

Schaper: No.

Morales: Why do you think that?

Schaper: By, from what I remember, he was yelling in the hospital. I remember he kept saying he was going to sue the Department. And he was calling the deputies, whoever it was at the time, just bad mouthing them the entire time.

Morales: Other deputies that were present there or just deputies in general?

Schaper: The deputies that were present during his situation, whatever happened prior.

Morales: But you, at the time you were the only deputy there?

Schaper: Right.

Morales: Was he bad mouthing you?

Schaper: No.

Morales: Was he cooperative with you?

Schaper: I mean, he sat on the table, I mean on a bed. That was pretty much it.

Morales: So, you weren't necessarily giving him any directions?

Schaper: No.

Morales: Did [redacted] ever show up?

Schaper: [redacted] showed up, yes. At the, at where I had the street blocked off on my containment spot, and then [redacted] showed up at the hospital. But because of the whole Covid 19, they didn't allow him in the hospital.

Morales: Did [redacted] speak to you at all?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: What did he tell you?

Schaper: He said that [redacted] was involved in an incident and he needed to be treated. That was at the containment spot. And then at the hospital –

Morales: Wait, the [redacted] came up to you while you were at the containment spot?

Schaper: Right.

Morales: On either 130th or 131st and Mona?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: Okay.

Schaper: I had no idea what was going on. He said something is wrong with [redacted] So, I didn't know if he was the 417 suspect or what was going on at the time.

Morales: So, you didn't know what he was talking about?

Schaper: No.

Morales: But then this same person comes to the hospital and tells you –

Schaper: Yeah, so, he found out, I guess he called the Station.

Morales: Uh huh.

Schaper: Got ahold of whoever he talked to at the Station, and then told me that his son was going to the hospital and then I presumed that was him when I followed him. Because I still didn't know the suspects' name who went to the hospital.

Morales: Did he tell you who [redacted] was?

Schaper: He, yeah, he said his name, but I mean to me, that didn't ring a bell.

Morales: Did he give you any identification of his?

Schaper: No.

Morales: Do you know how [redacted] was positively identified?

Schaper: I don't.

Morales: Did you ever run him?

Schaper: No.

Morales: Did you have a blue check device?

Schaper: No.

Morales: Did you give him a citation? And this is going to be exhibit D as in David, for this interview only. Did you give him, did you write him this citation?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: And why did you write him this citation?

Schaper: I was advised by the handling deputies to cite him for that.

Morales: And who were the handling deputies?

Schaper: Deputy Vega and Deputy Hernandez.

Morales: So, they asked you hey –

Schaper: Since I was at the hospital, cite him out. Cite him for being under the influence and then just have him sign the cite.

Morales: Did they give you the file number and everything?

Schaper: Yes sir.

Morales: Did you ask [redacted] to provide a urine sample?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: And what did he say?

Schaper: He said no.

Morales: Did he say why he wouldn't do it?

Schaper: He said because the deputies are going to add meth to it.

Morales: Did you create a log on your MDC of when you transported Mr. [redacted]?

Schaper: Yeah, if I did, it would have just been an assisting unit and then I just would have went 902H on the box.

Morales: So, you would have added yourself to whatever call that was going on, the 417 containment?

Schaper: Right.

Morales: Do you know if there was any delay in providing Mr. [redacted] any medical attention?

Schaper: Not that I know of.

Morales: Do you know what time the crash occurred when he was in the backseat of the car?

Schaper: I have no idea any of that happened.

Morales: But in your estimation, you were at the containment spot for approximately between ten and twenty minutes?

Schaper: Yeah, probably.

Morales: Approximately.

Schaper: Yeah.

Morales: Did you have any body camera at that time?

Schaper: No.

Morales: Alright. When Sergeant [redacted], was it [redacted] that got there?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: The SAM unit? Did he fill you in and tell you what was up with [redacted] in regards of why he was being detained?

Schaper: At the time, no.

Morales: Did you, did he tell you anything about him being in the backseat of another deputy's car?

Schaper: Not that I remember, no.

Morales: [redacted] gave you permission to cite him out?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: The report says that he was positively identified. Do you, you don't recall how he was positively identified?

Schaper: I was assuming from the handling deputies.

Morales: So, okay. Did you, at the time when you were citing this guy out and you were watching him, did you have any reason to think that this person wasn't who he said he was?

Schaper: No.

Morales: Did you have any reason to think that he hadn't previously been positively identified?

Schaper: No.

Morales: So, and the [redacted] showed up, right?

Schaper: Uh huh.

Morales: Called this person by the same name, the deputies told you, is that correct?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: Any questions?

Creta: So, the deputies give you the name?

Schaper: Yes.

Creta: How did you get that information? Via phone or radio?

Schaper: From the phone.

Creta: Someone called you saying –

Schaper: Right.

Creta: Who, do you know who that was?

Schaper: I don't remember who it was.

Creta: But would it have been like an assisting unit or the handling unit?

Schaper: Handling unit. I also remember on, when he was talking to the nurses or the doctor at the hospital, he gave his name and first and last name. Also, he had a wristband on as well.

Creta: Is that at the hospital he gave them the correct information?

Schaper: The name that is, was on here, yes.

Creta: And that's the name that the father told you he was looking for?

Schaper: Yes.

Creta: Okay.

Morales: And I'm sorry, you said somebody told you ove the phone?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: That this guy was [redacted]?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: But you don't remember if it was Vega or Hernandez?

Schaper: Don't remember.

Morales: Could it have been somebody else?

Schaper: It could have been somebody else. To be honest with you, I don't know. I don't remember who exactly it was.

Morales: Somebody told. Could it have been a sergeant?

Schaper: It could have been the sergeant. To be honest with you, like I said, I don't remember who told me it was.

Morales: Were there any other sergeants there besides [redacted]?

Gibbons: At the hospital or?

Morales: Yes, at the hospital.

Schaper: Oh yeah, Sergeant [redacted].

Morales: Sergeant Franco?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: Female?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: Were there any other deputies at the hospital besides those two sergeants?

Schaper: Just me.

Creta: What about the suspect, was he handcuffed at the time in the backseat of the ambulance?

Schaper: I never saw him in the ambulance. Like the whole way there, he was already in the ambulance by the time I got behind him, and I don't remember him being handcuffed. I didn't see him handcuffed inside the ambulance.

Creta: Okay.

Morales: Did you ever place handcuffs on him?

Schaper: I don't recall.

Morales: Do you know what other unit made contact with Deputy Vega after he crashed?

Schaper: No.

Morales: So, hypothetically speaking, another unit came, met Deputy Vega in the alley, and assisted Deputy Vega with putting Mr. [redacted] into the backseat of their car. You don't know who that person would be?

Schaper: No.

Morales: Do you recall hearing a request for 902R go out over the radio?

Schaper: I don't recall.

Morales: When, how much time had passed when you said, "Hey, I'll go with the ambulance to the hospital." To the time they actually showed up?

Schaper: I don't remember.

Morales: When I say when they showed up, and you followed them?

Schaper: Yeah, I don't remember how long I was there.

Morales: Did somebody else take your containment spot when you left?

Schaper: I believe so, I don't know.

Morales: So, you don't know if the containment was broken down when you left?

Schaper: I don't know how long it stayed up for.

Morales: Okay.

Creta: When you were on the containment spot off of Mona, and you said that the [redacted] had contacted you out on the field.

Schaper: Uh huh.

Creta: What was that contact like? When did he contact you, how did you see him initially?

Schaper: Well, I mean all the residents were standing on the corners, trying to get to their home. So, we couldn't let them in. And then he said, "My [redacted] was involved in an incident." And at that time I just assumed that he was possibly the 417 suspect.

Creta: And when you went back to the hospital, you recognized the same male? How is it that you saw him at the hospital again?

Schaper: He showed up to the hospital, the [redacted] did.

Creta: And you saw him at the hospital again?

Schaper: Yes.

Creta: So, you recognized him from –

Schaper: From the containment spot, yes.

Creta: - containment spot, okay. And then you determined that's who the [redacted] was.

Schaper: Yes.

Creta: And that's who he was referring to?

Schaper: Yes.

Morales: Did the [redacted] follow you guys to MLK?

Schaper: I don't know. I don't know where his car was at.

Morales: Do you remember if [redacted] had any cellphones on his person?

Schaper: No, I don't remember.

Morales: Do you remember if he had any property? Okay. Alright. That'll conclude the interview. The time is approximately 3:15.

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4 - WITNESS [redacted]

WITNESS INTERVIEW

[redacted]

Morales: We're on the record. Today's date is December 2nd, 2020. The time is approximately 1157 hours. I am Sergeant Joseph Morales and with me is Sergeant Ernie Ferreras. We are assigned to the Internal Affairs Bureau, which is commanded by Captain William Jaeger. We are at the Torrance CHP office with Officer [redacted] Employee No. [redacted]. This is a witness interview regarding Case No. IV 2511757. The nature of this witness interview involves your observations and actions regarding an alleged incident involving LASD Deputy Vega and Deputy Hernandez regarding the transportation of a male suspect named [redacted] For the record, I need everyone present to state their first and last name and please spell your last name. Again, I'm Sergeant Joseph Morales, M-o-r-a-l-e-s.

Ferreras: Deputy -- or Sergeant Ferreras, F-e-r-r-e-r-a-s.

[redacted] Officer [redacted]

[redacted]**:** Officer [redacted]

[redacted] Sergeant [redacted]

Morales: Sir, thank you for speaking to us today. We're going to talk about an incident that occurred on April 13, 2020, at approximately 3:00 p.m. Can you state what your current assignment is right now, sir?

[redacted] I'm a peace officer with the California Highway Patrol South Los Angeles area.

Morales: And how long have you been a peace officer?

[redacted] Approximately, three years.

Morales: How long have you been assigned to this station here?

[redacted] All three years.

Morales: Do you respond to traffic accidents that happen in the city of Compton on occasion?

[redacted] I do.

Morales: Do you recall responding to an accident involving a deputy sheriff on April 13th, 2020?

[redacted] I do.

Morales: And did that accident occurred -- occur in an alleyway between 129th and 130th St. in Compton?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: And I have a Report No. 9530-2020-02103. It's gonna be Exhibit A, as in Adam, for this interview only. Sir, did you write that report?

[redacted] I did.

Morales: Thank you. When you got to the alleyway, can you just give me -- just let me know what you saw when you got there, what you can recall.

[redacted] Yes. I turned into the alleyway and it was an east/west alleyway between 129th and 130th St. I believe the most closest cross streets were Mona and Alameda. I accessed the alleyway from 130th, I made a left turn. When I first made that left turn, there was two patrol vehicles there, a sheriff's patrol vehicle. First one was not involved in a collision. Just beyond that, there was another sheriff's patrol vehicle. It had collided with a parked car, a aluminum fence, and a cinder block wall that belonged to a resident on 129th St. There's three deputies total, one identified himself as the driver of the patrol vehicle that was involved in the collision.

Morales: Do you remember if that driver was Miguel Vega?

[redacted] It was.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted] Identified by his uniform, his nameplate, driver's license ended up being the driver involved in the collision. There's two other deputies. One was a supervisory role. She's a female, red hair. I didn't get her name. There's another deputy assisting her as well.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted] So my interview was solely between the driver, Deputy Vega, I believe, about the incident. Just got a general statement, took points of rest of the

vehicle, took photos of the vehicle and conducted my traffic collision investigation.

Morales: Do you remember what Deputy Vega told you?

[redacted] Yes. He gave me a statement. It's reflected in my report. He was driving down the alleyway not in pursuit but attempting to catch a gentleman -- I don't know if he described it as a juvenile or an adult male on a bicycle fleeing from him down the alleyway. He was approaching the gap between the wall and a parked vehicle attempting to catch up to the person on the bicycle, thought his patrol vehicle could fit between the wall and the parked vehicle. It did not. It collided simultaneously with the parked car and the walls, jackknifed sideways and then collided with the residence, or the back of the residence. The house there.

Morales: During your investigation of the traffic accident involving Deputy Vega, did you make a determination as to the cause of the accident?

[redacted] Yes, I did.

Morales: And what was your, in your opinion, what was the cause of the accident?

[redacted] The vehicle code section referenced in my report -- if you don't mind, take a look at it -- did put -- my investigation found Deputy Vega at fault for operating his vehicle in violation of Vehicle Code Section 22350. He was driving a vehicle upon a highway at a speed unsafe for the given roadway conditions, that being the parked car as well as the alleyway. I don't think there would have been a speed good enough to fit between it no matter how fast or slow he was going.

Morales: Did you make a determination on how fast you thought he may have been going?

[redacted] I approximated his speed based off of his statement and his passenger's statement anywhere between 30 to 50 miles an hour.

Morales: So you said the passenger.

[redacted] Correct.

Morales: Who else was in that vehicle besides Miguel Vega?

[redacted] I was informed by the deputy on scene that he had a passenger in his vehicle by the name of [redacted]. He identified himself verbally at MLK Hospital and that's where I contacted him.

Morales: So the deputy on scene, was that Miguel Vega? Did Miguel Vega tell you that [redacted] was in the back seat of his vehicle?

[redacted] He told me that he had a passenger in the back seat of his -- of his vehicle. I was unaware of his identity until I got to MLK and I was able to confirm that. Deputy Vega didn't say, hey, [redacted] is in my back seat. I know who that is. Here's his name, here's his birth date. He didn't have any information from him. I was just told that a passenger was taken from the scene to the hospital.

Morales: So he told you -- just so I'm clear. He told you somebody had been in the back seat of his car when he crashed, but he did not know the name of that person at that time?

[redacted] Correct. I didn't get the name of his passenger from Deputy Vega.

Morales: And what time did you arrive on scene?

[redacted] I arrived at -- look at my report here -- approximately 1700 hours.

Morales: All right. You eventually made contact with this person later identified as [redacted]?

[redacted] Correct, at the -- at the hospital.

Morales: And did he speak to you?

[redacted] He did.

Morales: I'm gonna reference your report, and I'm just gonna read what you wrote here and talk about that. So according to your report, you stated that [redacted] related the following: That you contacted him at Martin Luther King Jr., Hospital and he stated he told you in, -- according to your report, -- that he was sitting in the back seat of a patrol vehicle when the driver, Deputy Vega, began to chase someone on a bicycle down the street. Suspect, Mr. [redacted], was in the back seat with no seatbelt on as the deputy drove after the person on the bicycle. And then he turned into the alleyway -- alleyway and accelerated to about 55 miles an hour and approached the parked car. [redacted] -- [redacted] saw the vehicle parked in the alley and knew the police car was too wide to fit between the gap and they crashed. After the collision, the deputy got out of car to look around for the guy on the bicycle then took [redacted] out of the vehicle. Is that consistent with what he had told you?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: Do you have anymore information that you did not include in this report that Mr. [redacted] may have told you in regards to his involvement in the traffic -- traffic accident?

[redacted] Mr. [redacted] statement in this traffic collision is specifically related to the traffic collision. I was dispatched there to handle a deputy-involved traffic collision, which we do all the time. So everything that's in that report is pertinent to the traffic collision and the traffic collision only.

Morales: Understood. In addition to that, though, maybe something not put into the traffic collision. Like, did he -- did he mention when he got -- how he got out of the vehicle?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: What did he say about how he got out of the vehicle?

[redacted] He told me -- I'm not gonna quote him here -- that he was removed from the back seat by the driver, Deputy Vega. His handcuffs were removed and he was told to leave the scene.

Morales: He was told to leave the scene by who?

[redacted] The driver, Deputy Vega.

Morales: And do you specifically remember [redacted] stating that he was, in fact, handcuffed?

[redacted] No.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted] No, I don't.

Morales: But is it clear that he was specifically told to leave the scene?

[redacted] Yes, it was.

Morales: Did [redacted] give any further statements as far as what happened after he was told to leave the scene?

[redacted] After he was told to leave the scene, he walked away from the traffic collision, was unfamiliar with the area, did not know where he was at. He walked to a nearby street. I don't know if it was 129th. I don't know if it was 130th. How he exited that alley, I don't know. He made his way out of the alley. His injuries were substantial enough to attract attention of

nearby neighbors who then called out to him, asked him if he was okay. He asked if he could use his cell phone to call someone. At that point, I don't know if the 911 call was made by the neighbors. I don't know if he called 911. I don't know if a deputy responded and found him where he was at, but after he was contacted by the neighbors a short time later, he was taken to MLK. This collision happened at, I think, approximately 1500 hours, and I didn't arrive until 1700 hours. Notification was delayed; I'm not sure why, so whatever happened between him being in that neighbor's house and leaving the scene to him being at MLK, I'm not privy to.

Morales: Did he say -- give -- did he give anymore detail on which neighbor? Did he give a name?

[redacted]**:** No.

Morales: Did he give a specific location?

[redacted]**:** No.

Morales: So just somebody in the neighborhood?

[redacted]**:** Correct.

Ferreras: Did he happen to -- and we're -- I'm speaking about [redacted], [redacted] [redacted]. Did he happen to mention how long he was, like, wandering around?

[redacted]**:** No.

Ferreras: And then do you remember what time you arrived on scene in the alley for the traffic collision at 1700 hours?

[redacted]**:** Approximately 1700 hours, correct.

Ferreras: And you mentioned that at 1500 hours, you believed that's when the traffic collision occurred?

[redacted]**:** Correct. So if I can show you here my -- this here is the time that I was the traffic collision.

Morales: And for the record, he's pointing to 1500 time arrived on Page 1 of Exhibit A.

[redacted]**:** Correct. So then I believe my notification time -- I did not ask either the supervisor on scene nor Deputy Vega why there was a delay in the request for CHP to take this traffic collision report. It wasn't a question

that was brought up to me. At the time of call is notated in the report, my arrival time, and the time that I approximated the traffic collision. Normally, we would have record of a 911 caller if they were involved in a traffic collision on the highway, if it was a civilian, but I'm sure this was routed to different channels to request CHP to take the report.

Morales: Did you talk to anybody else? Any other LASD deputy, sergeant, or anybody else about [redacted]? Do you recall?

[redacted]: There was one deputy in the emergency room with [redacted] upon my arrival to MLK.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: I didn't get his name. I could describe him to you if that would help.

Morales: No, that's fine. I was really wondering about the alleyway when you were there at the alley. Did you talk to anybody else at the alley about [redacted] or was this only Deputy Vega who told you about him?

[redacted]: Just Deputy Vega that the party was transported to the hospital from the collision scene.

Morales: Did Deputy Vega tell you that he was transported from the collision scene?

[redacted]: He told me that there was someone at the hospital that was involved in the accident. How they got there, whether they were transported by fire department or sheriff or personal auto, he didn't specify.

Morales: So he didn't elaborate that to you?

[redacted]: Correct.

Morales: But [redacted] made it clear what it -- how he got out of the car?

[redacted]: Correct.

Ferreras: At any time, did Deputy Vega tell you I had someone in my back seat and I just let him go?

[redacted]: No.

[redacted]: I think didn't he -- in your -- did he answer that question that you -- he --

Morales: That was from --

[redacted]: -- didn't you say he --

Morales: -- [redacted] statement, correct? [redacted] statement said that, yes, he was let out of the vehicle by --

[redacted]: Oh, --

Morales: -- the deputy.

[redacted]: -- oh, I got -- I thought Deputy Vega said that.

[redacted]: But Deputy Vega statement in the traffic collision report, no. He didn't tell me after the collision I got my passenger out, I checked on him, I made notification to my supervisor to request an ambulance. None of that. He told me he had a passenger and now I'm at MLK.

Ferreras: And just for the record, Officer [redacted] and Sergeant [redacted] are in here just as your representatives, correct?

[redacted]: Correct.

Ferreras: Okay. Just so -- yeah.

[redacted]: I'm not his rep; I'm just a sergeant.

Ferreras: Yeah, well, just -- I mean, you guys are kind of, you know, "repping" him just so everybody knows when they're transcribing who people are in here. You guys were not at the scene at all, correct?

[redacted]: No.

Ferreras: Perfect.

Morales: You were at the scene by yourself?

[redacted]: I was there with another officer, Officer [redacted]. He's no longer at this office. I do have his contact information. As far as interviewing parties and obtaining statements, he was not part of that.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: He obtained vehicle points of rest after I left the collision scene to the hospital to interview the passenger.

Morales: Got ya. All right. Thank you very much. We're gonna conclude the interview. The time is approximately 12:10.

SUBJECT INTERVIEWS

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5 - SUBJECT VEGA

IV 2511757

SUBJECT INTERVIEW

MIGUEL VEGA

Morales: We're on the record. Today's date is October 19th, 2020. The time is approximately 10:05 in the morning. I am Sergeant Joseph Morales and with me is Sergeant Blanca Creta. We are assigned to the Internal Affairs Bureau, which is commanded by Captain William Jaeger. We are at the Internal Affairs Bureau in Commerce with Deputy Miguel Vega, employee number [redacted]44. This is a subject interview regarding case number IV 2511757. Also present is Miguel Vega's representative Adam Marangell. The nature of this subject interview involves an allegation you arrested a person and placed that person in the backseat of your patrol car without properly securing him. A traffic collision later occurred, and the person suffered injuries as a result of not being properly secured. It is further alleged there was a delay in providing medical attention to the person arrested. For the record I need everyone present to state their first and last name, and please spell your last name. Again, I'm Sergeant Joseph Morales, M-O-R-A-L-E-S.

Creta: Blanca Creta, C-R-E-T-A.

Marangell: Adam Marangell, M-A-R-A-N-G-E-L-L.

Vega: Miguel Vega, V-E-G-A.

Morales: Deputy Vega, prior to going on record you were provided an administrative rights form for sworn and non-sworn witnesses, is that correct?

Vega: That's correct sir.

Morales: Did you have an opportunity to read that form?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: And do you understand the form?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: And I see that you marked both boxes as 'yes' in regards to having a policy and ethics chapter of the manual of policy and procedures, and your understanding of its contents. Is that correct?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: Sir, how long have you been employed with the LA County Sheriff's Department?

Vega: I've been with the County, with the Sheriff's Department since [redacted].

Morales: And where are you currently assigned?

Vega: I'm currently assigned to Compton on loan to Logistics. Compton Patrol Station.

Morales: And when did you start Compton Station?

Vega: In August of 2017.

Morales: On February 13th, 2020, what shift were you working that day?

Vega: I believe it was PM shift sir.

Morales: And what unit were you assigned to that day?

Vega: I believe we were Compton 284 David.

Morales: What time would you typically start and finish your shift?

Vega: Excuse me, sorry about that. 13:00 hours is our start time and our end time would be 23:00 hours.

Morales: Had you worked with your partner in that car before?

Vega: Multiple times, yes.

Morales: Was he a regular partner?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: And were the two of you assigned to that car on a normal basis?

Vega: Not that specific car, no. You know, obviously there are multiple factors like the budget. So, depending on the day, we could be any unit. But that particular day –

Morales: How long had the two of you been working together as partners?

Vega: For approximately two years.

Morales: Two years?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: We have two reports here. The first one is going to be exhibit A as in Adam, for this interview only. It's under the influence of a controlled substance report. It's under file number 92-04690-2822-183. Sir, did you write that report or did your partner write that report?

Vega: I wrote the report sir.

Morales: Did your partner provide input into this report?

Vega: He did.

Morales: And other report is going to be exhibit B as in boy, for this interview only. It's under file number 920, looks like 04687-2820-151. Did you write that report as well sir?

Vega: I did sir.

Morales: And again, with input from your partner?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: So, this first report, it's under the influence of a controlled substance and it lists [redacted], a male, Hispanic, 23 years old as the suspect. We're going to talk about the sequence of events that led up to this report first. The report states that you were doing a patrol check at Wilson Park, is that correct?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: And was that with, that's with your partner, correct, Deputy Hernandez?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: Tell me what you were doing when you first saw Mr. [redacted].

Vega: So, when we were first conducting a patrol check, well one, the reason we were conducting a patrol check is Wilson Park is for lack of better terms, a hub. A hub of a criminal street gang named Santana Block Compton Crip. They're probably the largest in numbers and area gang in Compton. So, for that reason, we conducted patrol checks, as they're known to hide firearms in the little skate park right there, as well as sometimes they'll bury them along the skate park, and kind of use that as like a headquarters to conduct their criminal activities.

Morales: So, it's a high crime park?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: So, you see Mr. [redacted] and the report says something about him shouting at people. What was Mr. [redacted] doing exactly?

Vega: Correct sir. So, initially when we first were conducting the patrol check, we saw two male, Blacks and they started, they saw us and they made clear eye contact with us. And they started to drift away.

Morales: What do you mean drift away?

Vega: So, avoid us making any contact with them. So, they started going towards the skate park and obviously that raised red flags for us, because the skate park is not like your standard skate park where you know, you just have a bowl and you can walk in. It's fenced in. So, they like that, because it's, they use it to their advantage. You know, they have the skate poles through one side and the other. And obviously, they're younger and thinner than we are with all our gear. So, that caught our attention. So –

Morales: Is it easy for them to get in and out of the fence?

Vega: Oh yes. I mean obviously they have perfected it and with our gear and all that, it's not you know, the easiest for us, so.

Morales: Okay.

Vega: So, that caught our attention. So, as we were focusing on them, Mr. [redacted] began to scream and shout profanities and challenging people to fights.

Morales: Who was he shouting profanities at?

Vega: We, we weren't really able to determine who he was specifically he was. Obviously, there was about eighteen people or so in that general area. And we were trying to focus on the two gentlemen that we first observed.

Morales: So, you initially were concentrating on two other people, but your attention was drawn to Mr. [redacted]?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: And you said he was shouting. Was Mr. [redacted] by himself? Did it appear that he was by himself or was he with other people?

Vega: It was a combination. I mean there was people starting to you know, pay attention to his actions and cause a crowd.

Morales: Do you remember what he was shouting?

Vega: Something to the effect of like, "Fuck you, I'll fuck you up." That sort of thing.

Morales: And about how many people was he shouting at?

Vega: Probably maybe like three.

Morales: And the, who were these people? Were these gang members, were these kids riding skateboards?

Vega: No, they were like patrons of the park.

Morales: Were they male or female?

Vega: I believe it was like a young family.

Morales: Did it just appear to be random people?

Vega: Yes.

Morales: So, he was shouting at, he was shouting at about three to four different people?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: He was saying, "I'm going to fuck you up."? And did they say anything back to him?

Vega: No sir.

Morales: What did you think was occurring when Mr., when you saw Mr. [redacted] shouting at other people?

Vega: A fight had occurred or was about to occur.

Morales: A fight between people he was shouting at or other people?

Vega: Between Mr. [redacted] and the people he was you know, confronting.

Morales: And you said it could have been a family?

Vega: Could have, yes sir.

Morales: Like a male and a female, and children?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: Did they appear frightened?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: Why do you think they appeared frightened?

Vega: You know, typically when I know when I'm scared and when I'm with my family you know, we come together. So, if we're you know, five, six feet apart, we'll start walking towards each other. Obviously as a safety measure and what not, and that's what they appeared to start doing.

Morales: Did they, did the people he was shouting at, did they see you? Do you remember?

Vega: I'm not sure if they saw us, because the kids play area is on the west side of the park, and we were approaching from the east side of the park.

Morales: Did it appear to you that they possibly needed help?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: And how far away were you from Mr. [redacted] when you saw him shouting at these other people?

Vega: Initially we were some distance. Maybe about twenty-five feet or so.

Morales: And I'm sorry, was Mr. [redacted] inside the skate park?

Vega: He was.

Morales: Did he have a skateboard?

Vega: No.

Morales: And what about these other people that you were, you were originally concerned with? You saw two gang members you said, right?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: What, did you do anything with them?

Vega: Yes sir. So, the two gentlemen we had saw, they're locals. They're frequent. They're known gang members. So, they saw us and we have, we like to believe we have a pretty good rapport. So, they showed us their waistband. They were like, they pretty much told us, "Hey, we don't have any guns or anything." They showed us their waistband. And so, we did away with them.

Morales: Did you pat them down, did you detain them or was it like a consensual encounter almost?

Vega: There was almost more of a consensual like you know, we pulled up. You know, they're laughing with us or they tell us themselves, they show us their waistband, "Hey, we don't have anything." You know. It is what it is. We let them go.

Morales: How long were you talking to those individuals possible, those gang members before your attention as diverted away to Mr. [redacted]?

Vega: Somewhere between like five to ten seconds.

Morales: So, did you feel Mr. [redacted] needed more of your attention than these two gang members you were talking to?

Vega: Yes, of course.

Morales: So, you didn't detain them or put them in the backseat? They kind of went about their business?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: So, when you made contact with Mr. [redacted] did you and your partner go approach him or did he come to you?

Vega: He came out of the wrought iron fence and approached us.

Morales: What was he doing?

Vega: He was like grinding his teeth, clenching up. He was real fidgety. You know, looking around and all that. And you know, as he was approaching us, obviously he was throwing up tons of red flags and we you know, so, for that reason we believed he was under the influence.

Morales: So, let's talk, did you ever call him over, "Hey, come here."? Or did he just on his own walk towards you and go through the fence?

Vega: No, he kind of came over towards us on his own.

Morales: And again, was he holding anything in his hands? Did he have anything with him?

Vega: No.

Morales: And he was by himself?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: Was he still cussing at other people?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: Besides the family, were there other people he was cussing at?

Vega: When he started coming out, he was kind of like you know, screaming profanities at everyone you know. "Fuck you, fuck you." You know, everybody.

Morales: It was just random?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: How many other people were at the park do you think he was yelling at?

Vega: I mean, it's a busy park. He was probably yelled at you know, as he was walking out, probably another four or five people.

Morales: Did he specifically say anything to you and your partner as he was walking towards you?

Vega: I believe he did. I believe he was cursing at us as well.

Morales: Do you remember what he said?

Vega: Not sure. To be honest with you. Something to the effect of like, you know, "I'll fuck you guys up."

Morales: He told you and your partner that?

Vega: I believe so.

Morales: Alright. So, he's approaching you. He's shouting. And you said he threw up red flags. What specific red flags did you see?

Vega: The fidgetiness is very, very common with people who use stimulants.

Morales: How was he fidgety?

Vega: As far as like his head movement alone you know, constantly looking around, roaming around, his eyes were bouncing from left to right, up and down. You know, almost moving while standing in place. You know, I think a lot of people in law enforcement have seen; and not even in law enforcement. You know, LA has a problem right now. I think a lot of people have seen these sort of behaviors.

Morales: So, fidgety, what else? Anything else?

Vega: Dry mouth.

Morales: Okay.

Vega: Rambling. The erratic, the rapid and erratic speech.

Morales: Okay.

Vega: Were all red flags.

Morales: I think you said something, did you say something about bruxism earlier?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: What is bruxism?

Vega: Bruxism is the grinding of the teeth.

Morales: What are those things indicative to you of?

Vega: Somebody under the influence of a stimulant.

Morales: And what kind of training and experience do you have in forming that opinion?

Vega: It's a multitude of experience. You're obviously you know, dating back to the academy days. You know, we get lectured on narcotics and the effects of a stimulant versus a depressant. And you know, then we get sent to the jails and we, I personally you know, did my best to speak to people who are incarcerated for drug offenses and see you know, what type of reactions they had and what not. And then –

Morales: Where did you do your custody time?

Vega: I did a couple, I did approximately a year of the custody at PDC East. And then I did about eight years as a custody assistant and deputy at Men's Central Jail.

Morales: And during that time at Men's Central Jail and PDC East, did you come into contact with inmates who were under the influence of a controlled substance?

Vega: Oh yes. So, you know, obviously that's a very lucrative scheme in you know, people being incarcerated selling and using narcotics.

Morales: So, when you went to patrol, did you make arrests for people under the influence of narcotics?

Vega: Many sir.

Morales: How many arrests would you estimate? Arrests of people under the influence of a stimulant?

Vega: Over a hundred.

Morales: So, the behavior that Mr. [redacted] was displaying, based on your training and experience, in the area of narcotics, did that lead you to form an opinion that he was under the influence, just on his behavior alone?

Vega: Very much so.

Morales: Did he have, do you remember if he had any type of pre-existing injuries? Notice anything?

Vega: I can't recall.

Morales: You said, your report said a fight may have occurred or was going to occur. Do you happen to know if he got into a fight beforehand?

Vega: That I don't know. I mean obviously he was breathing heavily.

Morales: Okay.

Vega: And you know, so, obviously a large possibility, but I'm not sure.

Morales: So, Mr. [redacted] was walking towards you, he's shouting, you're seeing all these objective signs of symptoms just visually. What happens next?

Vega: So, we end up detaining him, because obviously he's approaching us. And we believe he's under the influence of a stimulant. So, we detain him. I conduct a, as I'm conducting a cursory search of Mr. [redacted] all the patrons from inside the skate park, which you know, are known to be Santana Block gang members; start coming out. And it's about eighteen of them or so.

Morales: Hold that thought. Let's talk about how you were detaining Mr. [redacted] a little bit more in detail. Who detained him? You or your partner?

Vega: I did.

Morales: Did you, did you get him in a control hold and search him or how did that, what did that look like?

Vega: I typically always start at the shoulder and do a soft approach. So, I don't like startle people. So, I always come in soft. Grab him by the shoulder just to let him know hey look, I'm going to start putting my hands on you.

Morales: Did you tell him you were going to search him?

Vega: Yeah. So, I tell him, 'Hey dude, just come here you know. I'm just going to check you out real quick." And so, as I grab him you know, I start moving his hands and guiding him. And typically I find that that works really well.

Morales: And why did you want to search him?

Vega: Well, because I'm detaining Mr. [redacted] obviously for the under the influence and I don't want to have him possess any weapons or anything that could harm me. Obviously, if I believed he was under the influence; his actions could be extremely spontaneous. You know.

Morales: Now, did you pat him down or did you say, "Hey -." Did you tell him, "Hey, I'm going to search you." And you go into his pockets?

Vega: No, I did a cursory search. So, more of a pat down. Just kind of outside waistband.

Morales: Okay.

Vega: Just searching for any significant weapon.

Morales: Did he comply with the pat down search or cursory search?

Vega: Initially, initially he did, yes.

Morales: And what was your partner doing when you were patting him down?

Vega: Providing security.

Morales: And you guys were both outside of your car, correct?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: How far away were you from your car when you were patting him down?

Vega: About three feet or so.

Morales: So, you're patting him down and then you said you saw a bunch of people approach you, correct?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: The people that were approaching you, were they gang members?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: And why do you think they were gang members?

Vega: Because we've had previous contacts, encounters with them. So, some of them have gang tattoos, they frequent the area. The verbiage that they use, obviously they throw up their gang. There's, they're regulars there.

Morales: And do you recognize any of them?

Vega: A couple of them, yes sir.

Morales: From prior contacts, prior arrests?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: Why do you think they were coming towards you?

Vega: Well, because one, they were inside the wrought iron fence. So, it's pretty obvious when they started swarming outside, and then others came from the west side of the park, started approaching us; that what their, it's their intentions were bad you know.

Morales: But do you think, I mean you had just spoken to two of them and it was cool. Right? Were those two that you spoke to part of that group? Do you remember?

Vega: Yes.

Morales: They were?

Vega: As far as when they got upset?

Morales: Uh huh.

Vega: No. I believe those two actually continued to walk.

Morales: So, this is another group of people?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: Fifteen to eighteen approximately possible gang members walking in your direction?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: Was there any other deputies there besides just the two of you?

Vega: No. Just the two of us.

Morales: So, what did you do after they were coming towards you guys?

Vega: So, you know, we, my partner and I, we've been at that park before. We've had interactions at that park and if they've been aggressive and negative, and people you know, fought deputies there. So, obviously we were scared that that was going to occur you know.

Morales: You have personal knowledge that other deputies have got into a fight at that particular park?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: With gang members?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: Have you, yourself?

Vega: I was not a part of it. I pursued someone and then the same gentleman ended up getting into, fighting a deputy that did apprehend him.

Morales: But you have personal knowledge gang members have fought deputies at that park?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: And you were outnumbered.

Vega: Of course, yes sir.

Morales: So, what did you do, what happened with Mr.[redacted]?

Vega: So, obviously fearing that they were going to either attack us, lynch Mr. [redacted]. We placed him in the backseat of our patrol vehicle so that we could get to a safer spot.

Morales: So, when you put Mr. [redacted] in the backseat, had you had a chance to use a pupilometer or do like tests of him for signs, to prove or disprove he's under the influence?

Vega: No, we hadn't had an opportunity to go through the whole motions.

Morales: Page 3 of your report on the first one, exhibit A, it says; I additionally noticed his pupils appeared to be dilated around 7.0 millimeters.

Vega: Right.

Morales: But you didn't, you formed that opinion, but you didn't use a pupilometer, right?

Vega: I didn't have the opportunity, no.

Morales: How, did you feel confident of your opinion of his pupilometer measurement regarding his, did you feel confident in your opinion of his pupil size based on your previous training and experience?

Vega: Extremely. That was a modest estimate obviously.

Morales: Could he have been drunk?

Vega: He could have, I mean that's obviously a possibility.

Morales: What, are there, are those similar symptoms though, being drunk and being under the influence of a stimulant?

Vega: Yeah, some of the symptoms do overlap.

Morales: Which ones?

Vega: You know, as far as his speech patterns, the erraticness, you know, some people react to alcohol differently and you know, some, to some people it almost has like a stimulant effect.

Morales: Okay.

Vega: And obviously the dry mouth and what not.

Morales: If he would have been drunk in public, as opposed to under the influence of a controlled substance, would that have been a crime too?

Vega: Yes.

Morales: Did you ever measure his, well, your report says; while conducting a pat down, I felt him breathing heavily and he appeared to have an elevated pulse. Now, you didn't actually measure his pulse rate though, right?

Vega: No sir.

Morales: What led you to believe that he had an elevated pulse?

Vega: So, as you know, I make the contact, go for the shoulder, I come down; I'm essentially grabbing his wrist. His wrist you know, it's, we're pretty good at being able to tell off the bat what a normal versus an elevated.

Morales: Uh huh.

Vega: And you know, Mr. [redacted] had an extremely elevated pulse rate.

Morales: When, you never went to his pockets, but you conducted a pat down search, right?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: Did you feel confident he didn't have any weapons on him?

Vega: I did.

Morales: And do you remember what he was wearing?

Vega: I believe he was, he might have been wearing shorts.

Morales: Was he wearing numerous items of clothing, or was it like not a lot?

Vega: It was like shirts and pants, or shorts.

Morales: And you felt confident on the pat down that you could place him in the backseat, he doesn't have any weapons?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: Alright. Did he have any identification on him that you know of, at the time?

Vega: He did not.

Morales: He did not? How do you know he didn't?

Vega: Because we asked him one, as and we were searching you know, you would obviously feel you know, what the, a wallet would be or something like that. Which I didn't feel anything like that.

Morales: Did you ask him his name and date of birth?

Vega: We did.

Morales: Did he tell you?

Vega: He did not.

Morales: Did you ask him his address?

Vega: We did.

Morales: Did he tell you?

Vega: No.

Morales: Was the MDC working properly in your patrol car that day?

Vega: It was.

Morales: Did you try running him on the MDC?

Vega: We didn't have an opportunity, because he didn't give us any information.

Morales: So, he had nothing on his person that would indicate who he was, where he lived, anything like that?

Vega: No, and he refused to tell us anything.

Morales: So, you place him in the backseat of the car. Who placed him in the backseat of the car?

Vega: I believe I did.

Morales: Did he resist at all being placed in the backseat? Did he comply?

Vega: No, I wouldn't call it, no, I wouldn't say he resisted at all.

Morales: What did he say, anything when you put him in the backseat?

Vega: He probably was mouthy at most, but he went into the backseat.

Morales: When you put him in the backseat, had you and your partner decided to arrest him at that point? Do you remember?

Vega: It wasn't a full arrest, no. We still obviously had to conduct our FST's. And we hadn't had what we felt was comfortable saying that he was going to be under arrest.

Morales: So, he was detained at this point?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: And why not just leave him and take off?

Vega: Why not leave him and take off? Because obviously he showed that he was combative towards that area. You know, god forbid we leave him, he assaults that family or any patron that was there.

Morales: How about the people that were coming towards you?

Vega: I mean yeah, obviously they were going to you know, they had ill intentions.

Morales: Could they possibly, were you in, did it ever occur to you or your partner or just you specifically, that hey, maybe they're going to assault this guy if we leave him here?

Vega: Yeah. I mean obviously that crossed our mind too. You know, there's so many factors that come into play in such a small point, period of time.

Morales: So, in part did you leave for your safety and your partner's safety?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: In part did you leave for Mr. [redacted] safety?

Vega: Correct sir.

Morales: And would it have been safest to put him in the backseat of the car or would there have been a different way you could have done it?

Vega: And that's essentially the safest way to exit there in a timely manner.

Morales: Put him in, so, you put him in the backseat and you guys drove away, correct?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: And who was driving?

Vega: I was.

Morales: Anything?

Creta: Just going back. Earlier you mentioned the movement of the eyes and you also said he was looking around. When you describe his symptomology, when, how would you better describe that? Would you say like was he looking around like aimlessly? Was he more like a paranoid looking around? Like looking at his surroundings? Or did it look like he lost something, like he –

Vega: I would describe it as a paranoia, yeah.

Creta: Okay.

Vega: Yes.

Creta: And then the family. You kind of paused. Like I don't know if a thought came to your mind and you wanted to say something, and you sort of paused. So, I just wanted to know when you were asked in regards to the family that you had seen coming together; was there a thought that came to mind that you wanted to elaborate on, that you felt was important?

Vega: No. I mean, I wouldn't necessarily call it important, but obviously you know, like you viewing the public like that, I can't help but you know, imagine myself in those situations you know. If I was just a patron and some guy was acting erratic and challenging me in front of my family. Obviously that's a scary moment. So, it just, that's it, I was just reflecting upon that you know.

Creta: And you also mentioned that you had a partner. Who was your partner?

Vega: My partner is Deputy Christopher Hernandez.

Creta: Nothing further.

Morales: The racial makeup of the group approaching you, the fifteen to eighteen people. What was the racial makeup? Were they mixed or was it all one particular?

Vega: It was about 80% African American, 20% Hispanic.

Morales: Did you feel threatened by them?

Vega: Yes.

Morales: Why is that?

Vega: Well, going back to the assaults that have occurred at the park, you know, this gang is so large that they're almost empowered you know. They, themselves, write you know, Sheriff killer on stop signs and all that stuff. So, they have bad intentions you know. They're empowered.

Morales: What gang is this again?

Vega: Santana Block Compton Crip.

Morales: Do they have Hispanic members too?

Vega: They do.

Morales: So, it's a mix of Black and Hispanic?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: And I'm sorry, I don't know if we covered this. But if we did, I just want to refresh my memory. What did they say, did they say anything to you guys as they were approaching you, the group of gangsters?

Vega: There was so many people yelling, that it was almost like hard to decipher.

Morales: Were you in fear for your safety if you stayed?

Vega: Oh, of course.

Morales: Did you or your partner call for backup?

Vega: We didn't have an opportunity. We didn't call for them. Simply because the distance at which these you know, people were coming at. And the distance between a partner you know, a partner is one, two, three minutes away. These people are seconds away. So, it didn't make logistical sense for us to stay there and create a bigger problem at that point.

Morales: Did you see any of them brandishing knives or guns, or anything?

Vega: No sir, but you know, again, you know, obviously they hide weapons.

Morales: Got you. So, explain why either you or your partner did not put handcuffs on [redacted] when you put him in the backseat.

Vega: Well one, Mr. [redacted] was detained. Two, he was being, he was being, he was behaving agitated. So, we didn't want to force him and handcuff him if that wasn't really what he wanted at that time. And time was of the essence, and we didn't really have the luxury to get into a fight with him right there and handcuff him you know, just to put him in the backseat.

Morales: How about when he was put in the backseat, why didn't you or your partner seatbelt him in?

Vega: Well, because he was unhandcuffed and I didn't want to reach across his body with, exposing my firearm to him. So, for that reason we just told him, "Hey, put your seatbelt on."

Morales: Was there a seatbelt in the backseat of the car?

Vega: There was.

Morales: Is somebody able to put the seatbelt on themselves?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: Estimate how much time had passed from the time Mr. [redacted] was contacted to the time he was put in the backseat.

Vega: About four seconds, five seconds.

Morales: Well, I mean –

Vega: No, I'm sorry –

Morales: From the time you contacted him, put hands on him, start patting him down and then put him in the backseat.

Vega: So, from the time I contact him and I do the cursory search?

Morales: Right.

Marangell: Correct, contact to backseat.

Morales: Yes, like full contact. You see him, that's one thing, he's walking towards you, that's another thing. You say, "Hey, come here. I'm going to pat you down." From that time to the time –

Marangell: You want it from the pat down to the –

Morales: From the pat down to the backseat.

Marangell: Oh, okay. So, hands on to the backseat, how long would you estimate that time period is?

Vega: It was a brief time you know. I don't know if I could even ballpark to be honest with you.

Morales: Was it fast?

Vega: Yeah, obviously it was very fast.

Morales: And when he was placed in the backseat, how long afterwards did you drive away?

Vega: Immediately after.

Morales: Was he under arrest at that point?

Vega: No.

Morales: When did you, okay. So, you had not decided he was under arrest, but you drove away?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: At some point did you and your partner decide that he was under arrest?

Vega: No.

Morales: Did you have a chance to create an obs when you were detaining Mr. [redacted] at the park?

Vega: No sir, we did not.

Morales: And when I say obs, it's create a call with the tag number and so on. Did anybody push the 10-15 button?

Vega: I don't believe we did have the opportunity. We were trying to coerce Mr. [redacted] to give us his information.

Morales: And he still hadn't told you anything about who he was?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: When you drove away, did anyone tell Mr. [redacted] to put on a seatbelt?

Vega: Yes sir. Both my partner and I did.

Morales: What did he say?

Vega: Something to the effect of, "Fuck you guys."

Morales: Did you consider him to be cooperative or uncooperative with you when he was in the backseat?

Vega: Uncooperative.

Morales: And what were your intentions when you drove away with him?

Vega: To transport him to CRDF Century Regional Detention Facility, where they have a Livescan machine, and then further conduct our FST's.

Morales: So, where were you planning on doing the FST's?

Vega: In the parking lot, just outside of the Station Jail.

Morales: Let's say you took him, you were confident he was under the influence of a controlled substance, correct?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: So, let's say you took him to the CRDF parking lot and you conducted FST's, and let's say he passed all his FST's, would, could it have been possible to decide not to arrest him?

Vega: Oh, 100%, yeah.

Morales: What would you guys have done with him if he was not under arrest?

Vega: Ask him where he wanted us to drop him off.

Morales: So, I'm going to show you an exhibit. It's off Google Maps. I'll called it exhibit C for this interview only. The starting point here, does that look about where the park is at to you? This is a map of Google, it's a Google Earth map and it's going to show CRDF. It's a bird's eye view of CRDF and also the park where Mr. [redacted] was detained.

Vega: Correct.

Morales: Is that correct?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: So, on the bottom of exhibit C here, we see the park. And at the top we see CRDF. So, your attention was to drive him up Alameda Street, northbound to CRDF?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: How long would this drive usually take?

Vega: About five minutes. Maybe less. You know, depending on red lights and traffic going on.

Morales: Five minutes or less. Okay. And how far away is CRDF from the park? Do you know?

Vega: Distance wise?

Morales: Yeah, distance wise. Approximately.

Vega: It's probably about a mile, a mile and a half.

Morales: Did you ever consider driving away two or three blocks, doing FST's there, with Mr. [redacted]? Instead of taking him to CRDF?

Vega: That's something we did debate. But obviously you know, being in the City of Compton, essentially every street is a gang territory. And Santana Blocks is all up along Alameda, up to about Rosecrans and maybe parts of El Segundo.

Morales: So, why wouldn't that have been a good idea?

Vega: You know, because that's their friendly territory. If these guys know, they know all the outs you know, the exit patterns and all that. So, it, we would be back at square one as far as our safety for ourselves and Mr. [redacted]

Morales: So, did you feel it was safest to take him to CRDF?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: Do the FST's there?

Vega: Yes sir, I believe that was a controlled environment.

Morales: Okay.

Marangell: And you needed to do a Livescan, correct?

Vega: Correct. Obviously, that's the reason why we chose CRDF versus Compton Station, because we don't have that equipment.

Marangell: And regardless of the FST pass or failure, was it going to be a concern if you still didn't know the ID of this particular suspect?

Vega: No, obviously if he passed the FST's and we had no reasonable belief to you know, anymore, any further, his name is irrelevant.

Marangell: Thank you.

Morales: When you were transporting Mr. [redacted] and you left, you said he was uncooperative. Did you think a use of force with him was possible?

Vega: Yes.

Morales: Why?

Vega: Just because the way he was behaving. Obviously he was cursing at us and refusing to comply with anything we were asking of him.

Morales: What, what would you have done in regards to preventing a use of force? What was your plan?

Vega: So, our plan was to you know, arrive at CRDF, have a sergeant present. Possibly call in other units to see if they could just talk to him, talk him down you know. Sometimes it's just a matter of a me problem versus you

know, he might respect someone else and not me. You know, so, I might introduce another deputy. So, they may have a better rapport with him.

Morales: Your report here on exhibit A says page 4; upon arrival to CRDF it was our intention to request a field supervisor to respond to our location prior to continuing our contact, in order to prevent a use of force. Do you remember who your field supervisor was that day?

Vega: That day I do not. I believe it was Sergeant [redacted]

Morales: But that was, was that something you were considering too, getting a sergeant over here?

Vega: Yes.

Morales: And is this the route of travel you were planning on taking, that I showed in exhibit C? Or how were you planning on going there?

Vega: Yes sir. Depending on the traffic, we might have made a westbound turn on El Segundo and then gone north on Mona.

Morales: Okay.

Vega: Which is sometimes a little bit more direct of an entrance.

Morales: But in this instance, you chose to go, is that northbound on Alameda?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: Anything?

Creta: I just want to go back to the Santana gang. You mentioned that they were empowered. Have your contacts with that particular gang changed in the course of recent weeks or months?

Vega: Yeah, obviously you know, the political climate you know, changed everything you know. Contacts for everyone and everything. And people are more aggressive towards law enforcement.

Creta: So, what have you experienced recently from these particular gang when you do have contacts out in the field?

Morales: Or prior to April 13th, 2020. Because this is when the incident occurred.

Marangell: Yeah, in relation to the timeline. Are you talking about after this incident?

Creta: No, we're talking about, because he's saying that the gangsters feel empowered. So, I want to –

Vega: Right, this is, this is like, this is not a new, this is not a revolutionary thing that they're empowered. This is kind of over the course of a few years when they went from you know, for lack of better terms, a regular sized gang in Compton to probably the biggest gang in Compton. And dominating probably you know, three, four, five square miles and you're talking about in the City of Compton, which is only ten square miles, three, four square miles is massive. You know, they commit, they commit you know, a robbery, armed robberies, murders, shootings. You know, and they gloat about it. It's not a revolutionary thing. It's something that's pretty well known at the Station of Compton.

Morales: What kind of training and experience do you have in gangs?

Vega: You know, again, dating back to the academy, there's was lectures on gangs in the academy. I like to believe that Men's Central Jail was housed some of you know, the most diverse and aggressive gang members, and just talking to them. Which they're out in the open you know. They love to gloat about their crimes and their interactions out there in the streets. So –

Morales: So, did you speak to a lot of gang members when you were in custody?

Vega: Oh yes.

Morales: Those [redacted] you were in custody?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: How about patrol?

Vega: Yeah, I mean –

Morales: You did patrol time at Compton, right?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: Any other Station?

Vega: No sir.

Morales: Is Compton a high crime area?

Vega: Extremely, yes sir.

Morales: Are there a lot of gang members in Compton?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: How many gang members do you think you've arrested personally, estimated?

Vega: Somewhere in the ballpark of a hundred. Somewhere, eighty to a hundred, plus.

Morales: Is it normal for you to come in contact with a gang member every day on patrol in Compton?

Vega: Oh, yes, multiple times.

Morales: Anything? Okay. Alright. So, you got Mr. [redacted] in the car and you drive northbound on Alameda, correct?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: What prevented you from immediately taking Mr. [redacted] to CRDF?

Vega: Obviously we had every intention to take Mr. [redacted] to CRDF. Along our travels we saw a group of male, Hispanics riding their bicycles in the middle of the street on 129th, just west of Alameda.

Morales: So, I'm going to show you exhibit D as in David. It's another Google Map image I pulled up. So, on this exhibit D, can you show me, do you have a pen?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: Mark with a pen. Show me where you were when you saw this group of individuals. Mark it with a big X.

Vega: So, we were driving in the number 1 lane of Alameda.

Morales: And where were these individuals that you saw?

Vega: These individuals were in the middle of 129th, heading eastbound.

Morales: What drew your attention to them?

Vega: One, obviously they were riding their bicycles in the middle of the street. So, I started looking in their direction you know, but as we made eye contact, they immediately turned around.

Morales: Who saw them first? You or your partner?

Vega: I can't remember. I want to say it was like a bang, bang kind of thing you know.

Morales: So, and then again, these were how many people?

Vega: Approximately three.

Morales: Three people. And one was on a bike?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: So, you're going northbound. How fast were you going when you saw them?

Vega: I like to drive pretty slow. So, I was probably going like 25 miles an hour.

Morales: And is it common for you to just kind of look around and –

Vega: Oh yeah.

Morales: At your surroundings?

Vega: Yeah, I mean you never know what kind of threats are out there.

Morales: Were you specifically looking down East 129th Street for anything, or did these people just happen to be there?

Vega: I wasn't looking down there for anything specifically. I mean I like to just kind of see what's going on on those streets anyway. Or you know, god forbid someone's blowing through the sign or something like that. So, I just happened to be looking that way.

Morales: So, you said they saw you and they turned around?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: All three of them?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: What did they do?

Vega: So, missed the guy on the bike. Immediately like grabbed at his waistline, along the right side of his waistline. Had a huge bulge that we believe was consistent with that of a firearm.

Morales: And what was, were these Hispanics, White, Black?

Vega: They were Hispanic people.

Morales: All three of them?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: Did they appear to be gang members?

Vega: They did.

Morales: What made them look like gang members to you?

Vega: They wore the typical gang attire. They all had LA hats, which you know, just looking from the outside in, it doesn't really throw up any red flags. But in the City of Compton, the only people that wear LA hat that are Hispanic, is the gang Compton Varrio Largo. So, Largo Street.

Morales: Is that east, west 129th street. Is that their territory?

Vega: Parts of it. It's not necessarily their typical hang out area, which –

Morales: Do they frequent it sometimes?

Vega: They do.

Morales: So, we're talking about a different gang now than the one you saw at the park?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: The suspect who grabbed his waistband, you thought that that meant he had a gun?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: Did you actually see the gun or did you see him grab his waistband?

Vega: No, I saw the bulge.

Morales: And what was his description? What was he wearing? You said an LA hat, anything else?

Vega: I believe a grey shirt and blue pants.

Morales: And how far, you marked it here, but you marked exhibit D. How far away do you think you were from the suspects when you saw them?

Vega: Probably fifteen yards.

Morales: Fifteen yards, okay. Are there a lot of gangs in that area?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: Did they say anything when they saw you and turned around?

Vega: They probably did. I didn't hear anything.

Morales: Were you, were your windows up or down?

Vega: Up, because I was trying to speak to Mr. [redacted]

Morales: Your partners windows too, both of them were up?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: And at this point was Mr. [redacted] he still hadn't given you any name, date of birth, anything correct?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: And you had no way of identifying him?

Vega: No sir.

Morales: So, he wasn't ran on the MDC, because you had nothing to run yet?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: So, what did the guy, they turned around and then did they stay together or what happened? What did they do?

Vega: No, they do like a broken arrow effect. So, one runs like I believe north, one goes directly east and then the gentleman on the bike turned south into an alley.

Morales: So, when that happened, what did you and your partner do?

Vega: So, obviously believing that he had a firearm, my partner and I, we made a quick plan to set up a containment. Deputy Hernandez exited the patrol vehicle on 129th.

Morales: Did you stop in the middle of the street? Did you make a quick left onto 129th, what did you do?

Vega: No. Excuse me. So, we see him turn back, grab at the bulge. So, I make a turn onto 129th. So, westbound turn onto 129th.

Morales: Did you have to stop, backup and go onto 129th, did you pass the street at all or were you just able to make a left?

Vega: No sir. I was able to make a left.

Morales: So, let's see. Call this exhibit E as in Edward. This is, so, you said you were the number one lane here on Alameda Street and they're about here, right?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: Where does the, where, can you show me where the people go?

Vega: Yes sir. So, one, one person I believe goes this direction.

Morales: And that person did not, was not on a bike?

Vega: No, correct, he was on foot.

Morales: Okay.

Vega: One person proceeds I believe on 129th.

Morales: Okay.

Vega: And the gentleman on the bike proceeds south into an east, west alley.

Morales: So, out of the three, who were you most concerned with?

Vega: The gentleman who grabbed the bulge that we believed was armed.

Morales: So, you turn and you said you and your partner made a plan to set up a containment.

Vega: Correct.

Morales: What did you guys say to each other? What was your plan?

Vega: So, Deputy Hernandez was going to exit on 129th, to make sure that one, the guy on the bicycle didn't double back. Meaning he didn't stop right there. Jumped in someone's backyard and then continued north outside the immediate containment.

Morales: Uh huh.

Vega: And then I would essentially try to cut him off.

Morales: And why did you feel it was important to do that, if you already had somebody in the backseat of your car?

Vega: Well, the threat to the public was extremely high. Obviously, what I believed to be a gang member carrying a firearm, in a, obviously Compton is a gang infested area. But this particular area is extremely infested. It's like a cross point amongst three or four different gangs. And even now, in recent time, obviously there's this shooting you know, this week. That's how violent it is. It's an ongoing thing.

Morales: And it's 2:30 in the afternoon. 2:30 PM approximately on a Monday. Were there other civilians around, people?

Vega: Yes sir. You know, this area is also, it's a mixture between heavily residential and heavily commercial. So, businesses are open you know, people are coming home, people are leaving their home. That kind of thing.

Morales: If the suspects hadn't taken off and they kept going, would you have attempted to contact them?

Vega: If they, I'm sorry?

Morales: If they had not fled, if they just kept walking or kept riding their bike, would you have attempted to contact them?

Vega: Without reaching for a bulge or anything like that?

Morales: Yeah, let's say they just continued on their way and you –

Vega: Oh yeah.

Morales: You're taking Mr. [redacted] to CRDF, and oh, there's three gang members there. But they're just –

Vega: Oh yeah, I would have you know, yeah, just left them, let them be.

Morales: Was it your intention to detain and possibly arrest the male on the bike, or was it your intention to contain only?

Vega: It was my intention to contain.

Morales: And why was it your intention to contain and not arrest him?

Vega: Simply because I was you know, had someone in my backseat.

Morales: So, your intention at this point was solely on the suspect on the bike, is that correct?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: And is that because you felt he presented the most threat?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: To the public?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: So, you said you and your partner came up with a plan and your partner took a containment spot on the alleyway and 129th Street, is that correct?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: Right there? Okay, so, he got out of the car?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: You stopped, he got out of the car? And when your partner got out of the car, did you have an eye on the suspect driving southbound on the, or riding his bike southbound –

Vega: Yes.

Morales: On (inaudible).

Vega: I had an eye on him riding south. So, I continued going south.

Morales: So, your partner got out of the car. How far away was the suspect, and when I saw suspect at this point, now we're talking about this male, Hispanic. We're not talking about Mr. [redacted] anymore. When I say suspect, it's this guy on the bike. How far away from the suspect were you when your partner got out and you went southbound?

Vega: About twenty yards now.

Morales: Did you activate the patrol cars' lights and sirens?

Vega: I did.

Morales: How fast do you think you were going southbound initially?

Vega: About 15.

Morales: And did you see the actual gun at any point?

Vega: I did. So, as we were going southbound, the suspect actually produced a handgun from his waistband and then made a westbound turn through the alley, through the east, west alley.

Morales: Right here on this alley right here that I'm showing you on exhibit E?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: So, he pulled it out of his waistband and you actually saw it?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: What kind of gun was it?

Vega: It was a black semi-automatic. Or what I believed to be a semi-automatic pistol.

Morales: And what did the suspect do with the gun?

Vega: He, so, he grabs it from his waistband and you know, just put it in layman's terms, he almost did like a hook shot with it and throws it over his body and into someone's backyard.

Morales: Do you know whose backyard it was?

Vega: I don't know the exact property. You know, I was trying to keep my eyes on the you know, the suspect as well as you know, a multitude of factors. But I remember it was about four to six properties in. It was somewhere in this general area.

Morales: And so, for the record, Deputy Vega circled some houses towards the bottom of exhibit E, one, two, three, four, five, it's like the fifth house to the west of Alameda Street. Somewhere in that general area is where he threw it. But you didn't see the specific, you don't remember the specific yard? Was it a, was this a backyard or a front yard to a residence?

Vega: These are all backyards to a residence.

Morales: Okay.

Vega: I believed it was one specific location which had like a large wrought iron fence that was covered. It wasn't like a see through fence. And I believe it might have been this one, but I couldn't tell you 100%.

Morales: And are there fences here along these backyards in the alleyway here?

Vega: Yes.

Morales: So, he would have had to throw it over a fence?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: And so, you're going westbound at this point, correct?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: Was any, after you threw it, was anybody able to keep watch of the gun, was anyone able to keep watch of where the gun was specifically thrown or did you continue following Mr. [redacted]?

Vega: No, I continued following Mr. [redacted]

Morales: I'm sorry, not Mr. [redacted], the suspect.

Vega: Oh, not Mr. [redacted].

Morales: Yeah.

Vega: Sorry about that, yes sir.

Morales: So, when you're driving through the alley, what's Mr. [redacted] doing? The guy in the backseat?

Vega: He's sitting in the backseat.

Morales: He's saying anything?

Vega: No.

Morales: Is he telling you to stop?

Vega: No.

Morales: Is he freaking out?

Vega: No, no, not at all.

Morales: I'm going to pause the interview real quick, because we're going to talk about some radio traffic. But I want you to listen to the radio traffic before we start talking about it, okay? So, give me a second here.

(Interview pauses)

Morales: Okay, this is a continuation of Deputy Vega's subject interview. We paused the recording briefly so we could listen to the radio traffic that was put out during this incident. So, let's talk about that radio traffic. When exactly did you get on the radio?

Vega: As soon as I saw the suspect grab the firearm and produce it, that's when I started putting out the traffic.

Morales: So, that would have been as he was kind of, right before he turned the corner southbound in the alleyway to go westbound?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: Correct, okay. So, you saw the gun, then you went on the patch?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: Did you okay, and you were by yourself, your partner wasn't there.

Vega: Correct.

Morales: How much time had passed from the time you got on the patch, because the suspect displayed a firearm. You actually know that's a gun now. How much time had passed between that time and when you took, when your partner got out of the car?

Vega: Maybe about a second and a half, two seconds.

Morales: So, it was fast?

Vega: Yeah, so you know, obviously I let him out at the mouth of the alley.

Morales: Uh huh.

Vega: You know, I come down. So, it was yeah –

Marangell: Pretty fast.

Morales: Seconds?

Vega: Yeah.

Morales: At some point you say 10-22 and stand by, before you put out the, before putting out a 417 suspect was running. Why did you say 10-22?

Vega: That's when I was involved in the TC.

Morales: So, at the beginning of the radio traffic? Okay.

Vega: So, I say 10-33 give me the patch and I remember as soon as I got finished saying that, or actually I was still holding my mic, I was involved in a TC.

Morales: So, that would have, and that would have been in the east, west alley, correct?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: So, you get on the patch and then, so, you didn't advise right away you were involved in a TC, but you decided to 10-22 it, because of the TC?

Vega: Yeah, I was trying to weigh out all the factors obviously, of continuing my pursuit or you know, trying to apprehend the suspect versus stopping there.

Morales: So, at one minute and 26 seconds into the radio traffic, then you advise them of your TC? So, it took you just a minute or so to kind of get your thoughts together or what?

Vega: Yeah, so, when I was involved in a TC, I couldn't open the driver's door.

Morales: Okay.

Vega: So, I had to actually exit through the window to get out. You know, obviously I was just in a TC. So, my mind was kind of a little bit shaken. And then I was checking out Mr. [redacted] in the backseat during that time.

Morales: Let's talk about the crash. How exactly did you crash?

Vega: So, as the suspect continued west through the alley, I obviously continued after him. There was a car, I remember, parked on the south side of that alley, facing east.

Morales: So, in exhibit E you circled some houses here where you thought he threw the gun. Did he throw the gun before you crashed?

Vega: Yes.

Morales: On this map, can you show me approximately where you crashed?

Vega: So, right there like around here, and the car was probably about here.

Morales: Okay.

Vega: And I crashed around here.

Morales: So, for the record, in exhibit E he's, he marked a location in the east, west alley approximately one, two, three, four, five houses or so to the west of where the suspect may have thrown his firearm. Correct?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: So, okay, explain the crash. So, you're going east and westbound. There's a car there. How did you crash exactly?

Vega: Yes sir. So, there was a car parked on the south side of the alley. And I remember purposely steering a little bit to the right to over compensate a little bit, since this car was parked right there. And as I was driving, my front, right tire grabs onto the cylinder wall and essentially spins my vehicle into the car.

Morales: So, when you hit the wall, that's to the north and the parked car is to the south end of the alley?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: Where was the, was the suspect still on his bike, riding his bike?

Vega: He was.

Morales: How far away was he from you when you crashed?

Vega: Well, it's hard to gage. At that point it was probably about fifteen to twenty-five yards away.

Morales: Were you just trying to keep observation on him, or were you trying to close the distance?

Vega: I was trying to keep observation. Obviously he's on a bicycle and he can move pretty fast you know. That's like the very northern part of our RD. And I knew that people would take a while to get there.

Morales: So, it wasn't, so it was not your intention to detain him. You were keeping observation on him?

Vega: Correct. You know, it's a weird layout as well with this alley. If I were to stop right there, I essentially open up the rest of the City for this gentleman to escape.

Morales: Okay.

Vega: So, I wanted to make it at least out of the alley to start doing that boxing in.

Morales: Did anyone witness the crash?

Vega: No.

Morales: Did you notice if there were other persons in the alley?

Vega: There was not.

Morales: How fast were you going when you crashed?

Vega: About 25.

Morales: Were you wearing your seatbelt at the time?

Vega: I was not.

Morales: And why wouldn't you have been?

Vega: Because there was a suspect with a firearm you know. You're trained and you keep it in the back of your mind that this gentleman can at any point turn around and shoot you, and for that reason you want to stay mobile.

Morales: So, if the suspect throws a firearm in a, in the house or backyard, could he still have another one?

Vega: 100%.

Morales: So, you didn't know?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: So, when you crashed, did you suffer any injuries?

Vega: I did.

Morales: What were your injuries?

Vega: Obviously they weren't significant, but you know, I was dazed. You know, my wrist was messed up.

Morales: Which wrist?

Vega: It was my left wrist.

Morales: What were the weather and road conditions at the time of the crash?

Vega: It was sunny and dry out.

Morales: What happened immediately after you crashed?

Vega: Immediately after I crashed I tried to exit my patrol vehicle to check on Mr. [redacted], that's when I exit. I was finally able to exit the vehicle. I opened the door, I asked him if he was okay. He did tell me he was okay. I didn't observe any obvious injuries on him at the time.

Morales: So, you didn't know if he hit his head or anything?

Vega: No, I asked him if he was hurt at all, he said no. And then I believe he was wearing a hat. So –

Morales: Did you ask him if he needed medical attention?

Vega: I did.

Morales: So, with him wearing a hat, would that have covered any injuries possibly?

Vega: It did.

Morales: So, you asked him if he needed medical attention?

Vega: I did.

Morales: What did he say?

Vega: He said no.

Morales: So, then you got back on the radio and you gave out a description of the suspect and you say he's a 417 suspect. Any reason why you didn't mention where the gun was thrown?

Vega: As far as exact property?

Morales: Yeah.

Vega: Because at that point I was still in the alley and I felt confident that I hadn't searched yet obviously, but I felt confident that I narrowed it down to the right property.

Morales: Okay.

Vega: As far as where the firearm was thrown. So, I went and I believe another unit showed up and I told him to just stay around that location.

Morales: So, SCC asks at about 3:44 if 902 R is needed, medical. And you say negative, or you say no, you don't need medical. Why did you say we don't need medical?

Vega: Because I presumed one, I asked Mr. [redacted] if he needed medical.

Morales: Okay.

Vega: And he said he did not.

Morales: Okay.

Vega: And I didn't want the medical to just come into an active crime scene one, or you know, a hot zone. And two, when you start telling people that you need medical, you know, deputies have a habit of not going to their actual containment point. They have a tendency to rush towards you. So, believing Mr. [redacted] was okay and I was okay, I told him that it wasn't needed at that point.

Morales: So, after you crashed, you said you got out of the car, right?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: And Mr. [redacted] remained inside in the backseat. Where were you when you got out of the car? Were you, where did you position yourself?

Vega: Originally I exited onto the driver's side door, because now my vehicle is facing almost north, south.

Morales: Uh huh.

Vega: So, originally I placed myself on the driver's side. And then I realized that's the side that the suspect was on. So, I climbed over. I positioned myself to the passenger side of the vehicle, and told Mr. [redacted] to you know, just stay down until I was able to put him into another patrol vehicle.

Morales: So, were you, did you stay there with him?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: How long did it take for the units to arrive to your location?

Vega: Took a significant amount of time.

Morales: How long?

Vega: Honestly, it felt like forever, but in reality it was probably like I don't know, four minutes.

Morales: Okay.

Vega: Maybe a little bit more.

Morales: Did you take Mr. [redacted] out of the car at any point before another unit arrived?

Vega: No. I just opened the door and asked him if he was okay. I just glanced at him up and down to see if there was any significant injuries, and that was it.

Morales: And you said you didn't notice anything on him?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: So, another unit arrives. You felt like a long time could have been three or four minutes, you're just not sure. But another unit eventually does get there, right?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: And then what is done with Mr. [redacted]a, if anything, when another unit gets there?

Vega: At that point I told the deputy, "Hey, place this gentleman, Mr. [redacted] outside of containment and see if you can get him some medical treatment."

Morales: Who arrived?

Vega: I'm not sure to be honest with you.

Morales: So, you told the deputy to take him, put him in the backseat of that person's car?

Vega: Yeah, I end up putting Mr. [redacted] into another deputy's vehicle.

Morales: Was it Schaper?

Vega: It could have been, I'm not sure.

Morales: Your report says Deputy Schaper responded to Martin Luther King Hospital with suspect, with suspect [redacted].

Vega: Correct.

Morales: But you don't, you're not sure if that was the actual person whose car he went into?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: So, just so I'm clear, another unit gets there. Was it one other unit that was with you or multiple units?

Vega: It's just one.

Morales: So, one other unit gets there. So, whatever unit got there, that person male or female, do you remember?

Vega: The one that Mr. [redacted] went into the car?

Morales: Yes.

Vega: I believe it was a male.

Morales: So, you asked that deputy to get him 902R?

Vega: Yeah, I told him put him outside of the containment and get medical.

Morales: Did that person put Mr. [redacted] in the backseat or did you put him in the backseat?

Vega: I believe I did.

Morales: And was he handcuffed at all after he was placed in the backseat or was he still not handcuffed?

Vega: He was still unhandcuffed I believe.

Morales: And then what did that deputy do with him? Did he drive away or did he stay there?

Vega: He drove away.

Morales: And is that the last time you had contact with Mr. [redacted]?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: Any reason you didn't indicate over the radio that you had somebody in the backseat at the time of the collision?

Vega: You know, obviously there's dealing with a lot of different factors at the time. The more precedent thing was the armed suspect.

Morales: Did you just not think it was important?

Vega: No, I mean that's why I put out I was involved in a TC. I didn't think as far as the seriousness of the change, whether it was just me by myself or there was a suspect in the back. You know.

Morales: So, when you talk over the radio and say that you're the only party involved in the TC, did you mean that you were the only party besides the, because the other car that you hit was unoccupied?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: So, you didn't necessarily mean you were the only person in your car?

Vega: No. 100% correct.

Morales: It was just hey, I hit a parked car?

Vega: Right.

Morales: There was nobody else there?

Vega: One vehicle versus a parked vehicle, correct.

Morales: The patrol car that Mr. [redacted] was placed into, do you remember if that was a one or two person car?

Vega: I don't.

Morales: Do you know when 902R was called for Mr. [redacted]?

Vega: I don't, but it wasn't long after.

Morales: Do you know who called for 902R?

Vega: I don't.

Morales: How long was that containment, how long were you inside that containment, well let me ask you, let me back up. Was the containment eventually set up?

Vega: It was.

Morales: For the outstanding suspect?

Vega: It was.

Morales: Was that suspect caught?

Vega: He was not.

Morales: Was that suspect ever identified?

Vega: He was not.

Morales: Was the firearm recovered?

Vega: No.

Morales: How long and were you present at that containment, at that scene where the TC happened, during the totality of the event?

Vega: Yes.

Morales: And how long did that take?

Vega: Quite a bit of time. About an hour, maybe plus.

Morales: Hour or more?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: So, the gun, you thought you knew where it was thrown, but it wasn't found. But you're not 100% sure that that was, that was the backyard?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: So, how does a gun in your training and experience, thrown by a gang member, why are they not found sometimes?

Vega: You know, the biggest factor that we've experienced is that you know, obviously this is a criminal, what we believe to be a criminal street gang member in his own area. They typically throw the firearms or use path of travels to escape through areas that we like to refer to as friendly. Meaning they might be family members, friends of theirs, you know, other gang members. So, typically what we find is that you know, a lot of people do not like law enforcement. So, they'll recover the firearm to help this gentleman, knowing that that'll help him avoid any jail time or sentencing.

Morales: Is it common for gang members to rid themselves of weapons when they're trying to escape arrest?

Vega: Yes.

Morales: So, do you think it's possible that somebody took that firearm and hid it?

Vega: Yes.

Morales: Does that happen?

Vega: Very often.

Morales: Did Aero ever arrive?

Vega: Yes, he, Aero does end up arriving.

Morales: But was this after your, this was after your TC?

Vega: This was long after, correct.

Morales: How long did it take for Aero to get there do you think?

Vega: Probably like ten minutes.

Morales: Did you ever get the chance to do a proper symptomology test to Mr. [redacted]?

Vega: I did not, no.

Morales: And why not?

Vega: Because Mr. [redacted] was eventually placed into another vehicle before I was able to finish symptomology and then obviously he had sustained an injury. Or you know, or at least you know, at the basic, involved in a traffic collision. So, for that reason we thought the medical was more important.

Morales: But again, your contact with him ended after he was placed into another patrol vehicle?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: But you relayed hey, get this guy 902R. How long do you think it took from the time the TC happened, to the time he was put in the vehicle? Do you said about four minutes or so, right? Four to five minutes? Okay. We already had that. Do you know if he ever gave a urine sample?

Vega: I believe he declined.

Morales: And do you know where he was transported?

Vega: I believe he was transported to shoot, I forget the name of the hospital. It's in Lynwood.

Morales: MLK?

Vega: MLK, yes sir.

Morales: Did you ever create an obs for the initial contact and detention of Mr. [redacted]?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: And when did you do that?

Vega: When we were first able to. Obviously the MDC at the car was no longer working. So, we –

Morales: Oh, it was disabled from the accident?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: So, it was later on that shift?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: And in a perfect world, if this TC never happened, and you took Mr. [redacted] to CRDF. When would you have created the obs?

Vega: I mean –

Morales: Before the -

Vega: - as soon as we got to CRDF, obviously you know, yeah, as soon as you know –

Morales: So, the, did you ever create an obs for the 417 suspect who ran from you?

Vega: We did sir.

Morales: And when did you do that?

Vega: Again, as soon as we were able to.

Morales: And it was you and your partner that did it?

Vega: I believe so, yes.

Morales: And on somebody else's MDC?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: It had to have been, right? Page 5 of the report on exhibit A, you wrote that it should be noted suspect [redacted] was also at the hospital awaiting for suspect [redacted] to be released after being treated. Why was it important to put that in there? Is there anything about [redacted] that we should know about?

Vega: You know, I think [redacted] was already kind of like making up his own stories in his own head. And so, for that reason you know, we thought it was important to include that hey, [redacted] was present.

Morales: Present, but what was he saying? Were you there when [redacted] was there?

Vega: I was not.

Morales: So, you were told that [redacted] was there?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: But you weren't there at the hospital?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: Do you remember what was relayed to you about [redacted]? He's making up stories, but, I just want to know if it's relevant. I mean if it's, if there was something we need to know about [redacted]?

Vega: I don't recall.

Morales: Would you have done anything different if given the chance?

Vega: Yes.

Morales: What would you have done different?

Vega: A multitude of things sir. As far as the way we set up our containment. One, knowing the layout of that alleyway, I don't think I would have gone into the alley. One, I don't think it's appropriate for any vehicle to be inside. But obviously an emergency vehicle. I probably would have you know, just driven on the main street of 129th, gone south onto 130th and just held it there. You know, in a perfect situation.

Morales: Did you ever get out of your radio car prior to crashing?

Vega: No.

Morales: Did you ever go on foot pursuit?

Vega: No.

Morales: So, after you crashed and you got out of the car, you just watched them keep going?

Vega: Yeah. It was done.

Morales: Was he still on his bike?

Vega: Yes.

Morales: What kind of bike was it, do you remember?

Vega: It was like one of those BMX bikes.

Morales: Do you know who eventually ran Mr. [redacted] for wants and warrants?

Vega: I know at some point we did. I'm not sure.

Morales: How did you get his information?

Vega: He ended up giving the information to Deputy Schaper at the hospital.

Morales: So, was he ever positively identified?

Vega: He was.

Morales: He was. How was he positively identified?

Vega: By his home address. Obviously [redacted] was present who identified him [redacted]. And [redacted] had identification. And –

Morales: [redacted] had his ID?

Vega: His, [redacted] possessed ID.

Morales: Oh okay.

Vega: And identified Mr. [redacted]

Morales: So, at some point Schaper helped identify him?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: And did Schaper give him the citation?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: Was that under your direction? Your partner's direction?

Vega: Under both our direction.

Morales: So, you told him, 'Hey, cut him a cite for 11-550."?

Vega: Yes sir.

Morales: Is that what it was? Okay. Based on your observations?

Vega: Correct.

Morales: Did you or your partner wear any body cameras during this incident?

Vega: We did not sir.

Morales: Did anyone, did either you or your partner have a blue check device?

Vega: No sir.

Morales: Anything?

Creta: No.

Morales: Did you say no?

Creta: No.

Morales: Oh okay, I'm sorry. Anything you want to add?

Vega: No sir.

Morales: Alright. That'll conclude the interview. The time is approximately 11:27 hours.

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6 - SUBJECT HERNANDEZ

IV 2511757

SUBJECT INTERVIEW

CHRISTOPHER HERNANDEZ

Morales: We're on the record. Today's date is October 19th, 2020. The time is approximately 12:34 hours. I am Sergeant Joseph Morales and with me is Sergeant Blanca Creta. We are assigned to the Internal Affairs Bureau, which is commanded by Captain William Jaeger. We are here with Deputy Christopher Hernandez, employee number [redacted]97. This is a subject interview regarding case number IV 2511757. Also present is Christopher Hernandez's representative, Adam Marangell. The nature of this subject interview involves an allegation you arrested a person and placed him and placed that person in the backseat of a patrol car without properly securing him. A traffic collision later occurred, and the person suffered injuries as a result of not being properly secured. It is further alleged there was a delay in providing medical attention to the person arrested. For the record I need everyone present to state their first and last name, and please spell the last name. Again, I'm Sergeant Joseph Morales, M-O-R-A-L-E-S.

Creta: Blanca Creta, C-R-E-T-A.

Marangell: Adam Marangell, M-A-R-A-N-G-E-L-L, attorney.

Hernandez: Christopher Hernandez, H-E-R-N-A-N-D-E-Z.

Morales: Deputy Hernandez, prior to going on record you were provided an administrative rights form for sworn and non-sworn witnesses, is that correct?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: Did you have an opportunity to read that form?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: Do you understand the form?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: I see that you marked both boxes as 'yes' in regards to having a policy and ethics chapter of the manual of policy and procedures, and your understanding of its contents. Is that correct?

Hernandez: Correct.

Morales: Sir, how long have you been employed by LA County Sheriff's Department?

Hernandez: Thirteen years, since April 27th, 2007.

Morales: And where did you go after you graduated?

Hernandez: I went to Men's Central Jail.

Morales: And how long were you assigned there?

Hernandez: Approximately two and a half years.

Morales: And where did you go after Men's Central Jail?

Hernandez: Twin Towers Correctional Facility.

Morales: And how long were you assigned there?

Hernandez: Approximately six months.

Morales: Where did you go after that?

Hernandez: Men's Central Jail.

Morales: Back to CJ?

Hernandez: Yes sir.

Morales: And how long did you work there?

Hernandez: Approximately three years.

Morales: And after that?

Hernandez: I went to [redacted] Men's Central Jail in 2012. And left in 2016.

Morales: And after, well, let's talk about [redacted] for a second. What is, what does [redacted] do?

Hernandez: [redacted].

Morales: And you were assigned as a deputy within [redacted]

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: So, you would deal with is it gang related issues inside the LA County Jail system?

Hernandez: Correct.

Morales: Would that include speaking to gang members?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: And I'm sorry, you went to Compton in 2016?

Hernandez: I went to CRDF in 2016.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: For two years, and then I went to Compton Station patrol in July 2018.

Morales: And you've been there ever since July of 2018?

Hernandez: Correct.

Morales: On February, or I'm sorry, April 13th, 2020, what shift and unit were you assigned to that day?

Hernandez: PM shift, which is 14:00 or 13:00 to 23:00.

Morales: Uh huh.

Hernandez: And I was working Compton Unit 284 David.

Morales: Who was your partner that day?

Hernandez: Deputy Miguel Vega.

Morales: How often have you worked with Deputy Vega, prior to that day?

Hernandez: Approximately a year.

Morales: Were you regular partners?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: So, the two of you would work often together in a radio car?

Hernandez: Every day sir.

Morales: Every day. Was it always that car or did the car change?

Hernandez: The call assign changed.

Morales: And it was always under PM shift when you worked with Deputy Vega, or did you work another shift with him?

Hernandez: PM shift mainly, then we worked the Compton Town Center, which is a 10 to 8 schedule.

Morales: But prior to April 13th, 2020, it was PM shift?

Hernandez: Yes sir.

Morales: Alright. So, I'm going to show you two exhibits. The first exhibit is going to be exhibit A as in Adam for this interview only. It's under file number 920-04690-2822-183. It's an under the influence of a controlled substance report. And then the second one is under exhibit B as in boy, for this interview only. It's under file number 920-04687-2820-151. It's an illegal possession of a firearm report. Do you recognize these two reports sir?

Hernandez: Yes, I do.

Morales: Were these written by yourself or your partner, Deputy Vega?

Hernandez: I would say it was both of us with both of our inputs.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: Into the report.

Morales: You both consulted with each other prior to writing the report?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: I'm going to talk about exhibit A first. This under the influence of a controlled substance report. Why, the report states in the first paragraph that you were at Wilson Park, okay, talking to two, male, Black adults walking in the roadway. Okay. So, what were you doing at the park?

Hernandez: We saw two male, Blacks walking across the street on Rose Street, north of Compton. And we had prior contacts with those two individuals. And one was on probation.

Morales: And were they gang members, do you know?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: Why is it, was Wilson Park a normal place you would conduct patrol checks at?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: And why would that be?

Hernandez: It's a very high crime area for drug sales.

Morales: Uh huh.

Hernandez: For shootings. Either drive by shootings or individuals on foot, with gun shooting. There was numerous robberies within the last six months there. Numerous 415 G calls, which are disturbance of gangsters within that park.

Morales: Uh huh.

Hernandez: And that park is specifically for Santana Watts Compton Crips.

Morales: So, what were you doing when you first saw [redacted], excuse me, [redacted]

Hernandez: We were contacting the two first male, Black individuals in the park.

Morales: When you say contact; were you speaking to them? Did you detain them? Put them in the backseat? What were you doing with them?

Hernandez: I think we did a probation search on one of the individuals. Obviously for weapons was our main concern.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: That's when our attention was drawn to the skate park.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: Area. And we noticed a male, Hispanic, adult yelling something to the effect, "I'll fuck you up." That's what drew our attention towards him.

Morales: So, did you finish dealing with the two individuals you were talking to first, and then concentrate on Mr. [redacted]

Hernandez: Yes. We were wrapping up the first probation search of the two individuals.

Morales: And you, those persons weren't detained, those people were free to leave?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: Because you determined they weren't involved in any criminal activity, is that correct?

Hernandez: Correct.

Morales: Alright. So, what drew your attention specifically? You said something about shouting?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: What drew your attention specifically to Mr. [redacted]?

Hernandez: He was yelling, "I'll kick your ass." And there was approximately fifteen to twenty individuals within the skate park. Additionally, there was looked like family members outside, because there was a playground area, next to the water and gate for the skate park.

Morales: Who was he shouting that to?

Hernandez: I couldn't personally tell. It could either be you know, the patrons inside the skate park, which are you know, younger individuals. Or they could,

he could be yelling at the family. Obviously, my attention was drawn towards both the individuals and the family.

Morales: Uh huh.

Hernandez: Because the family was looking at the suspect's direction.

Morales: Was he shouting at more than one person?

Hernandez: I don't recall sir.

Morales: How far away were you from him when you heard him shouting?

Hernandez: I would say thirty feet, if that.

Morales: And what did you think was happening when you saw him shouting?

Hernandez: That a fight just occurred in the park, or was about to occur.

Morales: And you said this was a skate park?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: Did he have a skateboard with him?

Hernandez: No.

Morales: So, did you and your partner eventually contact Mr. [redacted]?

Hernandez: Yes. He, the suspect came out of the skate park through a crack in the wrought iron gate, on the east side of the skate park.

Morales: Let me ask you this real quick. Before we talk about that. When Mr. [redacted], the suspect, was shouting at these other people, did they appear startled, nervous, scared in any way?

Hernandez: I would say mainly the family was scared. Just by their look and the stand-off-ness, of their appearance, by looking at the suspect.

Morales: Did Mr. [redacted] appear to be aggressive towards others?

Hernandez: I would say so by his comments and obviously it's a skate park.

Morales: So, he did not have a skateboard and you said he went through, but he went through the wrought iron fence that surrounded the skate park?

Hernandez: Yes sir.

Morales: And did he approach the two of you, you and your partner, or did you guys go to him?

Hernandez: Well, he came out of the skate park. He approached us.

Morales: Do you know why he approached you?

Hernandez: I don't know sir.

Morales: Well, what did he do as he approached you?

Hernandez: He said, "I'll fuck you up."

Morales: He said that to you and your partner?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: Did he have anything in his hands?

Hernandez: No.

Morales: So, what happened next?

Hernandez: As he exited the skate park, obviously the suspect was, based on my opinion, was sweating. He was clenching his jaw and he was acting very erratic. Obviously, his statements prior to our contact, his statements during our contact, "I'll fuck you up." And just his appearance in general.

Morales: When you say that he was clenching his jaw, what do you mean by that?

Hernandez: They called it bruxism.

Morales: Uh huh.

Hernandez: And it's common in methamphetamine users. They'll sink their jaw down together and clench their teeth.

Morales: Like grinding their teeth?

Hernandez: Correct. By grinding them sir.

Morales: So, he's approaching you, he's clenching his jaw. And what happens next?

Hernandez: Deputy Vega does a quick pat down search for some weapons of the suspect. The crowd or I don't want to say crowd. The individuals in the skate park, the fifteen to twenty, were yelling and telling us to let the suspect go basically.

Morales: What did you think was happening with the suspect as he approached you, when you saw these things that he was doing? What did that mean to you at the time?

Hernandez: Well, based on my training and experience in narcotics, and under the influence investigations, me personally, I believe he was under the influence of a stimulant, just based on my quick observations of him.

Morales: And you said that included bruxism and what else?

Hernandez: He was sweating profusely and acting very erratic.

Morales: What kind of training and experience do you have in narcotics?

Hernandez: I took the mandated class for the Sheriff's Academy. I took some other additional classes outside the Sheriff's Academy.

Morales: What classes?

Hernandez: I want to say a CNOA class. I don't recall the year.

Morales: What's CNOA?

Hernandez: California Narcotics Officers Association.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: And that class was dealing with individuals under the influence.

Morales: In all the time in custody had you ever encountered inmates who were under the influence of a controlled substance?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: When you were in patrol, did you, have you encountered individuals under the influence of a controlled substance?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: Have you made arrests for that crime?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: Approximately how many arrests have you made for that crime before this happened, before you contacted Mr. [redacted]?

Hernandez: Specifically for methamphetamine, approximately five.

Morales: Five arrests?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: How about, have you arrested people for other crimes and in addition to under the influence of a controlled substance? Like maybe they had a gun or maybe they committed a robbery, but they were also under the influence. Have you made other arrests? Have you made more arrests than five?

Hernandez: Yes sir.

Morales: How many arrests do you think total? Estimate, do you think you've arrested before, for in part of solely for under the influence of a controlled substance?

Hernandez: I would say twenty-five to thirty times.

Morales: So, are you saying that it was your opinion he was under the influence of a controlled substance, just based on your observations of him? That you saw at the time, that it was consistent with arrests you previously made?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: So, you said Deputy Vega conducted a search of him, right?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: Was it a pat down or was it a full search? If you remember.

Hernandez: I don't recall. It was a quick, a quick pat down.

Morales: Was Mr. [redacted] wearing a lot of clothing or was he wearing just not a lot of clothing, do you remember?

Hernandez: I would say he was not wearing a lot of clothing.

Morales: Did he appear to have any type of pre-existing injuries, do you remember?

Hernandez: No.

Morales: Did you ever put hands on Mr. [redacted], like in order to search him?

Hernandez: No.

Morales: So, you and your partner are detaining Mr. [redacted], and is that so you could determine if he's under the influence at the time?

Hernandez: Correct.

Morales: And you mentioned some people are shouting at you and approaching you. Tell me about that.

Hernandez: Like I said, there's fifteen to twenty individuals in the park. After we made contact with the suspect, they began yelling and cursing at us to leave the suspect alone.

Morales: What were they saying? Well, you just told me what they said. Okay, you said fifteen to twenty people?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: Were they gang members?

Hernandez: I couldn't recall. Obviously it's a known gang area.

Morales: Uh huh.

Hernandez: I would assume there was at least one or two gang members. But I can't specifically recall a certain individual I contacted.

Morales: Do you remember the racial makeup of the group? Was it all one race, was it mixed, do you remember?

Hernandez: I want to say 85% Black, and the rest Hispanic.

Morales: Were they adults?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: 18 and over?

Hernandez: I couldn't say, could have been you know, a couple juveniles, but –

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: - most of them looked like adults.

Morales: And how far away were they from you when they started shouting at you to leave Mr. [redacted] alone?

Hernandez: They were in the middle of the skate park. Not in the bowl, but at ground level.

Morales: Like in feet or yards.

Hernandez: I would say like twenty, twenty feet.

Morales: Were these the same people that Mr. [redacted] was shouting at before, or is this another group?

Hernandez: The same people.

Morales: So, he was, these are the same people he was shouting at to, "I'll fuck you up."?

Hernandez: Yes sir.

Morales: So, he's shouting at these people, "I'm going to fuck you up.", then he comes to you guys and says, "I'm going to fuck you up." You guys detain him and then this other group comes, saying to leave him alone?

Hernandez: It's the people within the same group.

Morales: So, these are all the same people?

Hernandez: Yes sir.

Morales: Could he have been drunk and not under the influence of methamphetamine?

Hernandez: No.

Morales: Why do you think so, or why do you think not?

Hernandez: Just like I said before, based on my training and experience it led me more to believe that he was under the influence of a stimulant, rather than drunk.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: Because they'll display different you know, signs and symptoms, and behavior if they were drunk.

Morales: Did he have any identification on him?

Hernandez: No.

Morales: You said you didn't search, right?

Hernandez: No, I didn't.

Morales: So, as the crowd is coming towards you, what do you guys decide to do?

Hernandez: The, put the suspect in the car and go to CRDF, Century Regional Detention Facility.

Morales: Why did you put the suspect in the car?

Hernandez: Based on like I said, the area. It's a known gang area. The large crowd. It would be best for us to secure him and go somewhere else away from the crowd, to de-escalate any further contact with them.

Morales: Why did you want to get away from the crowd?

Hernandez: In case they came out the gate and tried to I don't want to say free the defendant, but either engage us in a physical contact, fight, or just overwhelm us, based on the fifteen to twenty individuals.

Morales: Were you in fear for your safety as the crowd was approaching?

Hernandez: Of course.

Morales: Were you in fear for your partner's safety?

Hernandez: Of course.

Morales: Were you in fear for Mr. [redacted] safety?

Hernandez: Of course.

Morales: Why were you in fear of Mr. [redacted] safety if they were saying to leave him alone?

Hernandez: Because I don't know what the relationship was with, with the defendant. If they were his friends or if they didn't know him at all.

Morales: Why not call and ask for backup?

Hernandez: I don't think it rose to that point, because obviously we would have asked units for probably code, and I don't want them to get into a TC just for some curse words from some individuals.

Morales: Before putting him into the car, did you or your partner ask him his name and date of birth? If you remember.

Hernandez: I don't remember.

Morales: Did you ever ask him his name and date of birth?

Hernandez: Yes, once he was inside the car we did.

Morales: Did he tell you?

Hernandez: No.

Morales: Did you ask him where he lived?

Hernandez: I don't recall.

Morales: Do you recall if he ever gave an address?

Hernandez: No, he didn't.

Morales: Were you asking him other questions to try to determine his identity?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: And he did not have identification, is that correct?

Hernandez: Correct.

Morales: Was the MDC working properly in your vehicle?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: Did you ever try running him on the MDC?

Hernandez: He didn't give us a name.

Morales: So, that's, you didn't because he didn't give you information?

Hernandez: Correct.

Morales: Who put him in the backseat?

Hernandez: I want to say Deputy Vega.

Morales: Do you know or you, do you remember or? And any of these questions, if you don't remember, you don't remember. But if you remember, you know, obviously let me know.

Hernandez: Yeah. I don't remember. I remember he searched him. It would make most sense that he would put him in.

Morales: Did, do you know if he resisted at all going into the backseat?

Hernandez: No, he didn't.

Morales: So, when Deputy Vega is searching him out and where are you at in relation to Deputy Vega?

Hernandez: I want to say I'm right next to him on the driver's side door of the vehicle.

Morales: And is that where you guys searched him out, near the driver's side door?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: Was it more towards the back of the patrol car or more towards the front?

Hernandez: Towards the back.

Morales: Towards the back? And so, you were next to Deputy Vega as he searched him. So, you could see what he's doing?

Hernandez: Yes and no. I'm looking at Vega, I'm looking at the crowd.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: But yeah, I could tell what he was doing.

Morales: When he was placed in the backseat, why wasn't he handcuffed?

Hernandez: Because we wanted to act quick and obviously you put him in the backseat, and leave that area because of the crowd.

Morales: So, you wanted to get out as quick as possible?

Hernandez: Yes sir.

Morales: Did it ever occur to you to just hey, just take off and leave Mr. [redacted] there?

Hernandez: No.

Morales: And why would that, why did you not do that?

Hernandez: Because honestly, based on my training and experience, we determined that he was under the influence. There could have been a fight, there could have been a victim of a crime. So, we wanted to hold onto him to ascertain that.

Morales: Your investigation was still developing?

Hernandez: Correct.

Morales: Unfolding?

Hernandez: And if we leave him there, we could get another call back for an assault victim or he's assaulting someone else, because of his behavior.

Morales: So, when he's put in the backseat, why wouldn't you have seat belted him in?

Hernandez: Because we would have to reach over him to buckle him. Like I said before, we wanted to just put him in and go.

Morales: For his safety as well as yours?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: Estimate how much time had passed from the time Mr. [redacted] was contacted or searched, to the time he was put in the backseat.

Hernandez: I would say fifteen, fifteen, twenty seconds. It was rapid, it was quick.

Morales: When he was placed into the backseat, how long after that did you guys leave?

Hernandez: Within seconds.

Morales: Was Mr. [redacted] under arrest when you put him in the backseat of the car, at that point? Was he under formal arrest?

Hernandez: No. He was being detained for under the influence investigation. We still had to complete that investigation to finalize it, basically.

Morales: And there was no like official like test given to him? Like in other words, his pupils weren't measured with a pupilometer or his pulse wasn't measured you know, by you putting your hand on his wrist or anything like that?

Hernandez: No, it wasn't.

Morales: So, it was just suspicion at this point, based on your training and experience?

Hernandez: Correct.

Morales: Did you and your partner share the same opinion that he was probably under the influence of a stimulant?

Hernandez: Yes, we do.

Morales: Could anybody that this point create an observation on the MDC?

Hernandez: I don't recall if we did.

Morales: How about push the 10-15 button?

Hernandez: Well, we didn't throw an obs for that. I don't recall sir.

Morales: When you drove away, did anyone tell Mr. [redacted] to put on a seatbelt?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: Who told him?

Hernandez: Deputy Vega.

Morales: And what did, oh, and who was driving?

Hernandez: Deputy Vega.

Morales: What did Mr. [redacted] say when he was told to put on a seatbelt?

Hernandez: I don't recall sir. Do you mind if I look at my report?

Morales: Go for it.

Hernandez: He refused to do so sir.

Morales: Did he say I'm not going to do it or he just didn't say anything, or? Say anything in particular that you remember?

Hernandez: I don't remember sir.

Morales: But he was clearly asked and he didn't do it?

Hernandez: Correct.

Morales: Was he cooperative or uncooperative with you at this point?

Hernandez: Uncooperative.

Morales: Was he cursing at you guys at all?

Hernandez: Yeah, I want to say he was still saying, "I'll fuck you up." Ranting and raving.

Morales: What were your intentions to do, what were your intentions once you and Deputy Vega drove away with suspect [redacted]?

Hernandez: To complete the field sobriety tests on the suspect.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: Either to calm him down, wait a little bit to positively ID him. But like I said, he wasn't answering any questions. So, our best bet was to go to CRDF, do a quick life scan and go from there for the positive ID.

Morales: So, is that what you and your partner decided to do, to take him to CRDF?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: I'm going to show you an exhibit. I'll call it exhibit C as in Charlie for this interview only. It's a birdseye view of Google Maps. It's going to show the park on this southern part of this map here. Is that the park you were at right there, about?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: This is Alameda here and this is CRDF. So, it looks like it's just you could get there just going straight up Alameda to CRDF. Is that correct?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: Is this more or less the route of travel you planned to take from the park to CRDF?

Hernandez: Yes, I think we took Palmer to Alameda.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: And cut over on the west side of the tracks, and went northbound Alameda.

Morales: When this occurred, it was a Monday, some time around 2:30 in the afternoon. How long would it typically take for you to get from the park to CRDF?

Hernandez: A couple minutes. It's not too far.

Morales: You know how many miles it is?

Hernandez: I want to say like two to three miles.

Morales: Any questions?

Creta: Not now.

Morales: So, you say your intention is to take him to CRDF from the park. Any particular reason why you wouldn't just stop along any of these other streets or places along the way and do, give him symptomologies there? Why, why didn't you do that or why wouldn't that have been a good idea?

Hernandez: Just based on his demeanor, his actions. Me and Vega felt that it would be safer to go to CRDF. If we got there and he was still acting the same way, we could call a supervisor either from Compton or from Century or CRDF, and secure the location. Rather than doing it on a side street.

Morales: Would it have possibly been dangerous? Is there anything about Compton, where you were at, where maybe it's not such a good idea just to pull over on a random street and do that?

Hernandez: Yeah. Honestly Alameda is a bunch of, it's a thoroughway. So, there's a bunch of traffic. Our best plan was to go to CRDF. It's two to three miles away.

Morales: In your opinion, would that have been safer for yourself and Mr. [redacted] to do it there, in a controlled environment, than on a side street, or on a busy street like that?

Hernandez: Of course.

Morales: Did you ever think about calling a sergeant to meet up with you at CRDF? Was that ever talked about?

Hernandez: Yeah, we talked, we discussed once we went to CRDF he's still acting, like I said, if he's still acting the same way, we would rather just call a sergeant and have him try to talk to him and calm him down. That way we can get out of the car for a little bit, in case he didn't like us personally. We can communicate towards someone else.

Morales: Did you think possibly a use of force could have happened if there wasn't a sergeant around?

Hernandez: Of course, because honestly people under the influence, they're very erratic and very unpredictable.

Morales: And were you still trying to get him to give you identifying information about himself, so you could at least run him?

Hernandez: Yes. We were asking him if he took any medication or mental conditions. He refused to answer that. Also, we asked him his name. If he's been arrested before. But he didn't want to answer any questions.

Morales: Anything yet?

Creta: No.

Morales: Alright. So, let's talk about what happens on the way to CRDF? Hold on, let me get this. Okay. So, you're driving, your partner is driving northbound on Alameda. Okay, and you're the passenger, correct?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: The front passenger. He's the only person in the backseat. And on your way to CRDF, something happens, right?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: Which prevented you from immediately taking Mr. [redacted] to CRDF?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: So, let's talk about what happened. What happened?

Hernandez: We were driving northbound Alameda.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: We approached 129th Street. Our attention was drawn to a male, Hispanic, riding a bicycle, going eastbound 129th Street towards Alameda. Basically towards our direction. There was I want to say two other individuals on foot next to the guy on the bike. We made eye contact with the guy on the bike, he appeared to be startled and immediately grabbed his right waistband area. I saw a bulge on the right waistband. Based on our training and experience, and the field of firearms and the people possessing firearms, I believed at that time that the individual possessed a firearm.

Morales: When you guys are going northbound on Alameda, I'm going to show you this. It's exhibit D as in David for this interview only. Show me approximately, mark it with your pen, where you think you were, you and your partner were in the patrol car when you saw these three individuals. Was there three?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: One man on a bike and two others, or was it, did I get it wrong?

Hernandez: I want to say the guy on the bike was the guy with the firearm and two other individuals on foot.

Morales: And they were together?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: And where do you think they where when you saw them? Did anything draw your attention to them as you were driving northbound, or were you just looking around?

Hernandez: We were just driving, looking around in circles.

Morales: How fast were you going up Alameda, if you can recall?

Hernandez: 35, 40.

Morales: Was it just a normal pace, or were you just driving normally, normal flow of traffic?

Hernandez: Correct.

Morales: So, the guy who grabbed his waistband, that's the guy that's on the bike?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: Do you remember his description?

Hernandez: Male, Hispanic, adult.

Morales: Did he look like a gang member to you?

Hernandez: I don't recall sir, but that specific area is a known gang area for Compton Varrio 124th Street. There's been numerous arrests within that area for possession of firearms, possession of methamphetamine for sales, stolen vehicles, stuff like that sir.

Morales: Was he wearing similar clothing to the other two people that were with him? If you can recall.

Hernandez: I don't recall sir.

Morales: So, you saw them, you made eye contact with the suspects at this point? Well, when I say suspects, from now on, when I say suspects, I'm talking about particularly the guy on the bike and the other two people that are with him.

Hernandez: Yes sir.

Morales: We're not talking about Mr. [redacted] right now. When we talk about, if I say suspect and it's Mr. [redacted], I'll just say Mr. [redacted]

Hernandez: Perfect.

Morales: So, what do the suspects do at this point when you saw them in the street?

Hernandez: So, the suspect on the bike, we made eye contact with him. He appeared to be startled, and immediately grabbed his right waistband area.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: I saw a bulge on the immediate area where he was grabbing. I believe, based on training and experience, that he had a concealed firearm on his person.

Morales: Now, did you see the gun or did you just see what you thought was probably a gun?

Hernandez: I did not see a gun. I saw a bulge and him grabbing, which is indicative of someone carrying a firearm.

Morales: What did he do after he saw you see him?

Hernandez: He started riding westbound and he went southbound in the alleyway. It's within fifteen, twenty feet where we saw him, where the alleyway starts.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: And he went southbound in the alleyway. Deputy Vega and I discussed obviously, hey, this guy might have a gun, based on his actions. We formulated a quick plan that I was going to get out and run westbound 129th, towards Mona, to set up a containment.

Morales: Hold that thought. What did the other two guys do when this guy went southbound on the bike?

Hernandez: I want to say that he, the other two ran with the guy, followed him on the bike, if I recall right.

Morales: So, they, did they follow him southbound in the alley or did they all split up?

Hernandez: I want to say initially they ran with him. I'm not too sure if they ran in the alleyway or down 129th Street.

Morales: Could they have split up and you just don't recall?

Hernandez: I don't recall sir.

Morales: So, you got Mr. [redacted] in the backseat, you see three people. One of them you think probably has a gun. And they all take off?

Hernandez: Yes sir.

Morales: And did you think they ran because they saw you and your partner in a police patrol car?

Hernandez: Well, they got on the bike, I believe he ran, because he had a gun on him.

Morales: Okay –

Hernandez: But –

Morales: But because he saw a law enforcement?

Hernandez: Correct.

Morales: Why did you think it was important to try to detain them?

Hernandez: I –

Morales: Go ahead.

Hernandez: Obviously it's a danger to the public first of all, of a guy riding around on a bike with a gun in broad daylight. And it's dangerous for deputies. When we do contact pedestrians on bicycles.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: For various vehicle code violations.

Morales: Was it your intention to detain this person and possibly arrest them, or was it your intention to just contain them?

Hernandez: Contain sir.

Morales: Contain, okay. If the suspects, those three people, got on the bike, the other two, if they hadn't taken off, would you and your partner still have tried to detain them or get them in a containment?

Hernandez: If the guy on the bike didn't take off?

Morales: Let's say they just kept going on their merry way and they kept going eastbound, and as you went northbound. Like if they didn't have the startled look, if they didn't grab their waistband and they just, and they didn't run away. Would you have stopped to contact them and do a consensual encounter to see if they were involved in any criminal activity?

Hernandez: No sir.

Morales: And why not?

Hernandez: Because we have a suspect [redacted] in the backseat and we, our primary goal is to do what we were doing, right then and there.

Morales: So, did you feel like a necessity to contain and possibly apprehend? Because this guy probably had a gun?

Hernandez: Correct.

Morales: So, you and your partner, you said you quickly formed a plan, right? How did, and you got out of the patrol car?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: How much time elapsed from the time you guys formed your plan to the time you got out of the patrol car?

Hernandez: I would say quick. We've worked together for a year.

Morales: Uh huh.

Hernandez: I would say no more than ten seconds.

Morales: Alright. So, show me where you got out of the patrol car. And this is going to be exhibit I'm sorry, E as in Edward, for this interview only.

Hernandez: I got out sir when Vega, Deputy Vega was turning southbound into the alleyway.

Morales: Did he stop the car?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: And you got out?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: And where was the suspect when you got out of the car? This is the person on the bike?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: I want to say it was mid-block between the east, west alley and that north, south alley at the mouth.

Morales: Did you and Deputy Vega discuss radio traffic? Like who was going to put out what if you needed to?

Hernandez: Deputy Vega would put out radio traffic, because he would have observation on the suspect and he could advise assisting units on the direction of travel for him.

Morales: Did the two of you discuss that or is that just something you figured he would do, because you guys had worked together and it made the most sense?

Hernandez: For radio, I don't recall discussing that, but it would make the most sense, because he's going to have observation on the suspect.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: Then prior contacts with individuals with guns and foot pursuits, whoever has obs on is going to do the radio traffic.

Morales: Now, when you got out and you took this position here, were you going to stay here and hold this position or were you going to go somewhere else?

Hernandez: I was running westbound on 129th Street towards Mona. I wanted to take Mona and 129th.

Morales: So, Mona. Let's go back to exhibit D right here. So, this is Mona. It's another east, it's another north, south street that parallels Alameda, correct?

Hernandez: Uh huh, yes sir.

Morales: So, your intention was to stay here, well, when you got out here, you were going to parallel this east, west alley here to the south of you, up until Mona?

Hernandez: Correct.

Morales: Alright. So, you got out of the car, Deputy Hernandez goes southbound. When, let me back up a sec. When you got out of the car, was Mr. [redacted] saying anything, "Hey, let me out. Don't go." Anything at all? Or was he just there?

Hernandez: He was just there sir, quiet.

Morales: And at this point there's only one suspect. Did you think there was one suspect going southbound in the alley or did you think there could possibly be more?

Hernandez: Like I said, I don't recall if the other two individuals followed the suspect on the bike in the alleyway.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: But our main focus was the guy on the bike.

Morales: But you knew that there was one guy on the bike going southbound, correct?

Hernandez: Correct.

Morales: And that was the person you thought had a gun?

Hernandez: Correct.

Morales: Anything?

Creta: So, when you walked towards Mona, you lost sight of the suspect on the bike?

Hernandez: I lost sight immediately after I got out of the patrol car and I started to run westbound.

Creta: So, you wouldn't have known where the suspects went, because you just saw them and then you looked from your car, and then you had, based on the direction he was going, you tried to go in a position where you could be in a position of advantage to get a better vantage point?

Hernandez: Correct.

Morales: Did you get on the radio at all?

Hernandez: Eventually I did sir.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: So, initially, for the initial traffic, no.

Morales: What did you get on the radio for?

Hernandez: Later on, I think the airship was up asking some questions and I got on the radio.

Marangell: This is after the TC?

Hernandez: Correct.

Morales: Yeah. Did you ever see the suspect throw a gun?

Hernandez: No.

Morales: So, the last time you saw the suspect was as he was riding his bike southbound?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: So, what did you do next, what happens next? You get out of the car, your partner drives southbound following the suspect. What do you do?

Hernandez: I start running, as I said, I start running westbound towards Mona and 129th.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: I want to say when I get mid-block 129th, I hear a loud bang and a horn maybe twice.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: Let me back up sir. Before the loud bang, I heard 10-33 on the patch, go.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: Honestly, I assumed it was Deputy Vega. I hear a crash, I hear a couple of horn honks. Then the deputy that requested the 10-33 traffic was not transmitting any traffic.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: So, based on the loud bang, I believed obviously Deputy Vega was in a car crash.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: I still run westbound 129th, and I take a southbound turn into the alleyway.

Morales: Uh huh.

Hernandez: And I see Deputy Vega standing outside of his patrol vehicle that was crashed into a cinderblock wall.

Morales: So, let's go back to exhibit D here. So, you previously stated you got out here.

Hernandez: Uh huh.

Morales: And you're running westbound on 129th.

Hernandez: Correct.

Morales: And Deputy Vega is now in this east, west alleyway. Where do you think you, and you eventually got to that alleyway yourself, correct?

Hernandez: Yes sir.

Morales: After you heard the bang and you heard the crash?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: How did you get there? Because Mona is all the way out here. Do you know –

Hernandez: Westbound 129th sir.

Morales: Uh huh.

Hernandez: And these alleys zig zag. So, I took this alley down.

Morales: This one right here?

Hernandez: Which is the same alley.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: And went eastbound.

Morales: So, this is almost all the way to Mona. So, you ran about it looks like a good ten houses westbound.

Hernandez: Uh huh.

Morales: It goes southbound and then you come over here?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: And you saw Deputy Vega's car crashed. When you saw Vega, was he already out of the car?

Hernandez: He was out of the car sir.

Morales: And did you see the suspect at all?

Hernandez: No.

Morales: Was a containment still being set up at this point?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: And did you go to Deputy Vega?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: And did he appear injured?

Hernandez: No, he appeared honestly startled.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: Looked like a bad accident. So, he did appear startled.

Morales: Was there another unit there with Deputy Vega when you got there? Or was, had nobody else shown up yet?

Hernandez: I don't recall if there was another unit there with him.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: I remember just seeing him by himself outside the patrol vehicle.

Morales: How long do you think it took you to get to Deputy Vega?

Hernandez: It was a while. It was not immediate, because I did take Mona and 129th for a brief second. So, I can keep obs. Because obviously our goal is to catch the suspect on the bike. I obviously hear the car crash, but Deputy Vega does put out radio traffic of the direction of the suspect. So, I take 129th and Mona for a brief second, make sure he doesn't cross Mona.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: And then I go back into the alleyway. That's when I see Vega.

Morales: So, you didn't immediately go to Deputy Vega. And is it because you heard him on the radio and you thought that he was okay?

Hernandez: Correct.

Morales: When you eventually did get to Deputy Vega, how much time do you estimate had passed?

Hernandez: Minutes.

Morales: Well, how many minutes? I mean –

Hernandez: Three to four minutes.

Morales: And did you see Mr. [redacted]?

Hernandez: No.

Morales: He was, he was not in the back, did you not see him or was he not there?

Hernandez: I think another deputy or Vega said, another deputy took custody of Mr. [redacted] after that sir.

Morales: So, by the time you got back to Deputy Vega, Mr. [redacted] was already gone?

Hernandez: He was gone.

Morales: Which means another unit had come and he was placed in the backseat of that other units' car?

Hernandez: Yes sir.

Morales: Do you know what unit came?

Hernandez: I didn't see the unit sir.

Morales: Did you gain knowledge later on of who came and picked him up?

Hernandez: I want to say Deputy Schaper.

Morales: So, the report says that Deputy Schaper responded, A report, exhibit A, says that Deputy Schaper responded to MLK Hospital along with Fire engine 41. Correct?

Hernandez: Correct.

Morales: And that's where he was transported?

Hernandez: Yes sir.

Morales: So, did Fire ever respond to the location?

Hernandez: I want to say eventually they did respond for Mr. [redacted]

Morales: But not at the traffic collision location?

Hernandez: No.

Morales: He was with somebody else?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: So, you got there and what did Deputy Vega hit exactly?

Hernandez: A couple things. I remember a block wall knocked down and there was a parked car in the alley. I think it was a BMW. I'm not sure if he hit that or he just hit the wall.

Morales: And again, when you got there, Mr. [redacted] was already gone?

Hernandez: Correct.

Morales: Did you ever have contact with Mr. [redacted] after that incident, after the crash? Did you ever see him talk to him?

Hernandez: No sir.

Morales: Were you ever able to, so, you never did any symptomologies on him?

Hernandez: No.

Morales: Did you instruct another unit to do symptomologies on him?

Hernandez: I want to say Deputy Schaper, we asked him to do FST on the suspect and inquire if he was willing to provide a urine sample.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: Which Schaper said that he was unwilling to do both of those tests.

Morales: Did you guys ask, did you or your partner ask him to give him a citation?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: Who asked him?

Hernandez: Me or Vega.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: Because we got on the phone once. I think the [redacted] showed up or suspect [redacted] finally gave Deputy Schaper his information at the hospital.

Morales: Was he, is that where he was positively identified at the hospital?

Hernandez: Yes, yes.

Creta: Just a quick clarifying question. When you said or not you said, I shouldn't say that. But on, according to the report it states Deputy Schaper responded to Martin Luther King along with Fire. Do you know if the, or Mr. [redacted] was transported via radio car or like an ambulance?

Hernandez: I want to say, I'm not sure, but I would say with Fire, because it's the Fire responded to the hospital. They would have to be in the back of the paramedic, because they wouldn't just go to a hospital to treat a guy who was (inaudible).

Morales: When it was, when was an observation ever created for the initial contact of Mr. [redacted]? When was the tag generated from that, do you remember?

Hernandez: I'm not sure sir, but it was not from the patrol car, because it was damaged.

Morales: The MDC was damaged?

Hernandez: Yes.

Morales: So, did you and your partner, did you or your partner do that on somebody else's MDC?

Hernandez: I don't recall sir. Either someone else's MDC or at dispatch.

Morales: Okay.

Hernandez: They could create observations for us.

Morales: When did you intend to create an observation for suspect [redacted]? Like what was your intention, what, when were you, in a perfect world, when would you have done that?

Hernandez: On the way to CRDF or when we got to CRDF.

Morales: Anything you would do differently given the chance?

Hernandez: Yeah, I think looking back at it, I mean I would stay with Deputy Vega and obviously just try to work out, just containing, that was our goal mainly was to contain. Obviously we're not going to get in a foot pursuit and leave the suspect by himself in the back of the patrol vehicle. I would stay with Deputy Vega and just work together in the patrol car since we have a guy in the backseat. Looking back at the incident, it's a smarter and better decision to make.

Morales: You never went in foot pursuit, correct?

Hernandez: No.

Morales: Do you know if Schaper eventually ran [redacted] for any wants or warrants?

Hernandez: I want to say he did.

Morales: Did you or your partner wear any body cameras during the incident?

Hernandez: We were not equipped with one.

Morales: But no personal like personally owned ones?

Hernandez: No sir.

Morales: How about a blue check device, either one of you guys have a blue check?

Hernandez: No sir.

Morales: Did you think there was a delay in getting Mr. [redacted] any medical attention? Or do you just not know?

Hernandez: I don't know sir, exactly. I didn't see him after I got out of the patrol vehicle from the alley.

Morales: Alright, anything you want to add?

Hernandez: No sir.

Morales: And I think I asked you. You never saw the gun thrown, right?

Hernandez: No.

Morales: And how long did it take for Aero to get overhead?

Hernandez: It was pretty quick. I want to say it was less than a minute for sure.

Morales: Less than a minute for what?

Hernandez: Of the initial 10-33 traffic. And by the time the air ship arrived, they were overhead.

Morales: You sure? Did you request Aero?

Hernandez: No, I didn't.

Morales: Does Aero sometimes just arrive without being requested when they hear 10-33 radio traffic and they're in the area?

Hernandez: Yeah.

Morales: So, maybe they got there without even being asked.

Hernandez: Correct.

Morales: That happens sometimes?

Hernandez: Correct.

Morales: Alright. I think that's it. Finish the interview. Time is approximately 13:25 hours.

REFER TO INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPTS AND AUDIO CD

7a - SUBJECT [redacted] 1st INTERVIEW

WITNESS INTERVIEW

[redacted]

Morales: We're on the record. Today's date is November 18th, 2020. The time is approximately 1326 hours. I am Sergeant Joseph Morales and with me is Sergeant Blanca Creta. We are assigned to the Internal Affairs Bureau which is commanded by Captain William Jaeger. We are at the IAB Office in Commerce with Sergeant [redacted] employee number [redacted]43. This is a witness interview regarding case number IV 2511757. [redacted] do you go by Sergeant [redacted]? Sergeant [redacted] Or is it both?

[redacted] [redacted]

Morales: [redacted]? Thank you. The nature of this witness interview involves your observations and actions regarding an alleged incident involving deputies Miguel Vega and Christopher Hernandez. For the record I need everyone present to state their first and last name and please spell your last name. Again, I am Sergeant Joseph Morales M-O-R-A-L-E-S.

Creta: Blanca Creta C-R-E-T-A.

Morales: Sir.

[redacted]**:** [redacted]

Morales: And [redacted] was also part of your last name. For the record that's spelled --

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: [redacted]

[redacted]**:** Correct.

Morales: Okay. Prior to going on record - sir, prior to going on record you were provided with an admonition form for Sworn and Non-Sworn Witnesses. Is that correct?

[redacted]**:** Yes sir.

Morales: Did you have an opportunity to read this form, sir?

[redacted] Yes I did.

Morales: Okay. Do you understand the form?

[redacted] Yes I do.

Morales: I see that you marked both boxes as yes in regards to having a policy and ethics chapter of the manual Policy and Procedures and your understanding of its contents. Is that correct?

[redacted]**:** Yes.

Morales: Okay. Sir, what is your current rank?

[redacted]**:** Sergeant.

Morales: And how long have you been a sergeant?

[redacted]**:** A year and a half.

Morales: Where are you currently assigned?

[redacted]**:** Compton Sheriff's Station.

Morales: And how long have you been assigned to Compton Sheriff's Station as a sergeant?

[redacted]**:** A year and a half.

Morales: What shift do you work?

[redacted] Early mornings.

Morales: Okay. Do you know what car and shift you were working in on April 13th, 2020?

[redacted] I believe I was working p.m. shift unit 285 Sam.

Morales: Okay. Were you the only sergeant working the day?

[redacted] No I was not.

Morales: And who was the other sergeant working that day?

[redacted] Sergeant Valerie Franco.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted] 280 Sam.

Morales: Copy. And sir there was a 417, person with a gun containment that day with Deputy Vega and Deputy - Deputy Hernandez. Is that correct?

[redacted]**:** Yes.

Morales: Okay. Were you involved in that containment?

[redacted]**:** Yes.

Morales: Okay. How did you become involved?

[redacted] Per the radio traffic of a 417 suspect running from the deputies. And they began to setup a containment in the area of Alameda and 129th Street South --

Morales: When heard their --

[redacted]**:** (indiscernible)

Morales: When heard that radio traffic go out do you know where you were?

[redacted]**:** Yes. I believe I was in the area of Rosecrans and Wilmington.

Morales: Okay. How - about how far away from Deputy Vega's location were you --

[redacted]**:** About --

Morales: - when you heard that radio traffic go out?

[redacted] I would approximate 3 minutes.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]**:** Four minutes cause we had Code.

Morales: Okay sir. So, go ahead and continue. You said you heard emergent radio traffic of a 417 suspect.

[redacted]: Correct.

Morales: So, what did you do?

[redacted]: We began to - I was with Sergeant Franco at that time. We rolled together initially during the shift and then when we heard this go out we responded together.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: We - we initially went on to 129th Street from Alameda Street.

Morales: Mm-mm.

[redacted]: And observed that that containment spot was taken already. We proceeded westbound on to 129th Street from Alameda and then we went southbound through the alley. The north/south alley just west of Alameda Street.

Morales: Mm-mm.

[redacted]: And then we looked to the right when the - the alley pretty much T's off.

Morales: Mm-mm.

[redacted]: Into a east/west alley between 1-2-9 and 130th Street when we saw down the street the - the deputy involved vehicle. It looked like it was sideways.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: And appeared to possibly be in a collision. But at that time we were pointed down to take the next containment spot. At which point my partner drove down to 130th Street from the mouth of the alley.

Morales: Mm-mm.

[redacted]: And then went west - I'm sorry, into 130th Street and then began to go westbound mid-block. And at that point I exited the Tahoe.

Morales: Mm-mm.

[redacted]: And I walked myself over into the alley to check on the vehicle and the deputies.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]**:** So, as I made my approach - I'm sorry sir go ahead.

Morales: No. No. I was just gonna say you - you said we. So, you and Sergeant- who?

[redacted]**:** Sergeant Franco.

Morales: Sergeant Franco. You were - even though you were assigned two different cars you were both in a Tahoe together?

[redacted]**:** Yes.

Morales: When you heard this?

[redacted]**:** Yes.

Morales: Just so, I'm clear. And then you both were driving together in one vehicle. Correct?

[redacted]**:** Yes.

Morales: Okay. So, when you went southbound through the alley you looked to the west. You saw a collision. Sergeant Franco continued and took a position on east 130th and then you exited the car and you said to go to - to go to Deputy Vega's position?

[redacted]**:** Yes.

Morales: Okay. To see what was going on?

[redacted]**:** Correct.

Morales: Okay. When you left the car did you walk eastbound on 130th up the alley? Or did you go through some houses here? How - how did you get there?

[redacted]**:** No, I walked eastbound on to 130th.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]**:** Into the mouth of the north/south alley where it T's and it wrapped back around.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: Westbound.

Morales: And how long did it take you to - to get to Deputy Vega's location when you exited the Tahoe --

[redacted]: About --

Morales: - with Sergeant Franco?

[redacted]: I believe it was three to four - I don't know. Three to five minutes approximately.

Morales: Okay. When you got to the alley did you make contact with Deputy Vega?

[redacted]: Yes. I saw Deputy Vega and Hernandez yes.

Morales: Hernandez was there as well?

[redacted]: Yes.

Morales: Okay. How much time do you think had passed from the emergent radio traffic - 10-33 radio of a person with a gun to the time you arrived and made contact with Vega and Hernandez? Approximately how much time do you think had passed?

[redacted]: I would approximate five to seven minutes.

Morales: Okay. What did you see when you got there?

[redacted]: So, when I got there Deputy Vega was putting out radio traffic that Deputy Hernandez was looking into an alley and one on of the south properties.

Morales: Mm-mm.

[redacted]: Indicated this is the area where the suspect tossed a firearm. I saw that the - I looked farther down the alley westbound and I could see now that the block wall was knocked down.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: I asked - I immediately asked Deputy Vega and Hernandez - even though Vega was still communicating over the radio if they're okay. To make sure they're okay believing they're the only two occupants at the time that at the vehicle. They say - We're good Sarge. We're just looking for the gun and putting out further. -

Morales: Okay. So, at the time did you think it was both Vega and Hernandez that had been involved in the traffic collision?

[redacted]: That is correct.

Morales: Okay. Did - when - when they were there in the alley and you said Vega was on the radio and you asked - you asked them - Hey you okay? - They said they're okay? What did - what happened next?

[redacted]: I proceeded to go down to where the collision occurred. At which point there was a young man, Mr. [redacted] and I believe his [redacted]. I don't remember her name.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: They were --

Morales: Is this [redacted]?

[redacted]: That is correct.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: Indicating they were the property and vehicle owners of the car. And at that time I took their information down.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: And I believe - and began to conduct my administrative interviews with them based on that we were kind of safely - semi-safe in the area. But that I could just get it over with.

Morales: Okay. And when you say you talk about the - the car - the owner of the car and the - the wall you were talking about.

[redacted]: Mm-mm.

Morales: What's significant about that wall and a - a car? Like in other words what - let me reword it in another way.

[redacted]: Yeah.

Morales: You said that Vega was involved in a traffic collision, right?

[redacted]: Yes.

Morales: What did he hit?

[redacted]: He hit probably the edge of a block - a cinder block wall.

Morales: Mm-mm.

[redacted]: Which made it crumble.

Morales: Mm-mm. And - and it - did he hit a vehicle as well?

[redacted]: Yes. So, basically the force - his front right fender or tire hit the block wall and then made his rear-end spin clockwise into a car that was parked in the south side of the alley.

Morales: Okay. Did you [redacted] own that vehicle?

[redacted]: Yes.

Morales: Okay. Was he the owner of the resident that had that block wall?

[redacted]: His [redacted] was yes.

Morales: Okay. So, what did [redacted] tell you if anything?

[redacted]: He told me he was inside his residence and he heard a loud crash type incident. Came out and saw that the patrol vehicle had hit his block wall and also his car.

Morales: Okay. Did you take photographs of the location?

[redacted]: Yes I did.

Morales: Okay. Did you do a recorded interview with [redacted]?

[redacted]: Yes I did.

Morales: Okay. At this point had Sergeant Franco arrived back to your location?

[redacted]: No, she stayed at I believe on 130th Street.

Morales: Okay. Did she eventually come back to the location?

[redacted]**:** Yes.

Morales: Okay. And did she eventually assist you with gathering evidence related to the traffic collision?

[redacted]**:** That is correct. I'm not sure if she took pictures all - as well.

Morales: Okay. How long were you conducting your investigation with [redacted] related to the traffic collision?

[redacted]**:** I would approximate five to ten minutes.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]**:** Dealing with him and that initial investigation with all the pictures. And just knowing that I had more time to come back and I had their address.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]**:** If I needed to come back and get further.

Morales: While you were dealing with [redacted] and getting information from him and taking photographs was Deputy Vega and Deputy Hernandez by your side assisting with you that? Assisting you with that or were they doing something else?

[redacted]**:** No. They were handling their own - their own part of the investigation, actively looking for the firearm and communicating on the radio still.

Morales: Okay. So, was this 417 containment still in affect?

[redacted]**:** Yes.

Morales: Okay. And there was still a gun that was outstanding that people were looking for?

[redacted] That is correct.

Morales: And there was still a suspect that people were looking for?

[redacted]**:** That is - yes. Correct.

Morales: Okay. So, was your contact - your initial contact with Deputy Vega and Deputy Hernandez would you describe it as brief? Your initial contact when you rolled up and asked them if they were okay?

[redacted]: Very brief, yes.

Morales: Okay. And - okay. And why wouldn't they have been next to you helping you with this traffic collision investigation at the time?

[redacted]: Cause there's an active containment. The - the deputies were on - were involved in a containment. The ongoing and current information and they need to coordinate with - also at this time SEB came out and was responding and they needed to ask the handle unit clarifying questions regarding their response and how they were gonna respond to the situation.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted] And when the last seen his location is which is important in tactics.

Morales: When you were done with your investigation into the traffic collision portion this incident what had happened? What did you do next?

[redacted] Well, at that time we were summoned to Rosecrans just east of Willow Brook Avenue at a location called Pops Chicken.

Morales: Mm-mm.

[redacted]: For the command post. They needed the Tahoe. At that time me and Sergeant Franco drove over there and at that time I got a ride back to the station to grab second sergeant vehicle.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: At which time once I obtained the vehicle I started responding back; when I believe I heard something along the words of the radio traffic of they were posting for Fire and paramedics 130th and Mona for a person involved in a collision. Something along those lines.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: I responded to Mona and 130th Street.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: At which time I saw Deputy Garzon and Sandoval. The Tahoe was parked just west - just east of 130th Street, east of Mona.

Morales: Sorry.

[redacted]: On 130th Street just east of Mona they were parked.

Morales: Okay. So, why would the Tahoe be needed at the command post?

[redacted]: Well, because of the white board and the - the better radio frequency from the mic and they could make notes on everything they need to take down.

Morales: Mm-mm.

[redacted]: That's all part of the tactics and communication.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: Involved in a command post and a search team and a containment.

Morales: At the time you heard a 9-0-2 R request for - for paramedics did you know what that was for?

[redacted]: Not yet. No.

Morales: Okay. Had Deputy Vega or Deputy Hernandez told you that somebody had been in the backseat of their patrol car when a traffic - when the traffic collision occurred?

[redacted]: Not yet. No.

Morales: Okay. And did you know if your partner knew?

[redacted]: I don't believe she knew. No.

Morales: Okay. Because you guys were driving together and she was with you right?

[redacted]: Correct.

Morales: Okay. So, was she ever alone with Deputy Vega and Deputy Hernandez where they could have told her?

[redacted]: No.

Morales: Okay. So, you go to 130th and Ala - Mona? Is it Mona and 130th?

[redacted]: Yes.

Morales: Okay. And that's where Mr. [redacted] is?

[redacted]: Correct.

Morales: Okay. Did you - how did you find out that Mr. [redacted] was in the backseat of Deputy Vega's patrol car?

[redacted]: I believe at that time one of the deputy's mentioned it that he was actually one of the sus - person detained in the rear seat of the vehicle and involved - during the collision.

Morales: Mm-mm.

[redacted] And they were getting medically treated.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: At which time you know that's the first time I found out about it.

Morales: Okay. And did you attempt to speak to Mr. [redacted] at the - at that scene?

[redacted]: I did but he refused to speak and at that time Fire and paramedics were in their immediate duties of putting in a soft neck brace on him and so forth. So, I indicated that I would talk to him at the hospital.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: Kind of follow-up.

Morales: So, by the time you got there Fire was already present and they were treating Mr. [redacted]?

[redacted]: Yes.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: Correct.

Morales: What happened with Mr. [redacted] next?

[redacted]: I believe he was transported to Martin Luther King Junior Community Hospital -

Morales: Mm-mm.

[redacted]: - as it is called now and he was waiting in the triage area which is in the front of the ER entrance waiting to be admitted or scene inside. When I responded and I began to conduct a - try to attempt to conduct a video interview with him. At which time he refused to talk about anything or answer any of my questions. I believe he indicated he wanted an attorney.

Morales: Okay. So, he never gave you any statements?

[redacted]: That's correct. No statements.

Morales: Okay. When did either Vega or Hernandez tell you about Mr. [redacted]?

[redacted]: So, before I responded back to MLK Hospital I believe they had a debrief at Pops Chicken, at that location of the command post where they indicated to me that he was in the backseat.

Morales: Okay. Did they tell you one on one like to the side? Or did they tell you during the - during the debrief?

[redacted]: I believe they told me on the side.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: And that was right after the - they had already had debriefed.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: Cause I was dealing with Mr. [redacted] and then they told me and then that's when I went to grab the camera then respond to MLK.

Morales: Did they tell you or did you have to go to them and say - Hey, what happened with Mr. [redacted]? - Or - or did they approach you and tell you?

[redacted]: They approached me and told me.

Morales: Okay. Why do you think they probably didn't tell you initially when you were there in the alley?

[redacted]: I initially believe they were just caught up in the moment of being busy of - of running the containment properly and make sure all of the information was out there correct. And then believing that Mr. [redacted] was gone be taken care of already. And afterwards they told me that Mr. [redacted] indicated he was okay.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: They didn't believe that they had to rush or expedite anything for him.

Morales: And you - I'm gonna show you a report here. It's written by Deputy Vega and Hernandez. It's file number 920-04690-2822-183. It's an under the influence of controlled substance report. And there's also another one written by the same deputies under file number 920-046987-2820-151. It's an illegal possession of a fire arms report. Did you read and approve both of those reports, sir?

[redacted]: Yes.

Morales: Okay. And then also did a traffic collision investigation. Is that correct, sir?

[redacted]: That is correct.

Morales: And it's under file number 920-04687-2820-151 Supervisor's Report or Incident of Damage to County Vehicle. Is that correct? Is that the one you did?

[redacted]: Yes that is correct.

Morales: Okay. Do you have any idea how Deputy - how Mr. [redacted] was positively identified?

[redacted]: I believe when Fire and Paramedics treated him provided his true name and date of birth.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: And I believe it was indicated to deputies that [redacted] also identified him.

Morales: Mm-mm.

[redacted]: And he said - Yeah, that's [redacted] - and provided his full name and date of birth.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]**:** And that was corroborated with a return on an MDC I believe.

Morales: So, when - when he was at - when Mr. [redacted] was at 130th and Mona and being treated by Fire he was giving his information to - to paramedics who were treating him?

[redacted]**:** That's correct.

Morales: Okay.

Creta: I just want to go back when you said that there was a Tahoe needed at 130th and Mona. When you said the Tahoe was needed you're just referring to a sergeant needed to respond, correct?

[redacted]**:** That is correct. Mm-mm. Yes.

Creta: Okay.

[redacted]**:** Uh-huh.

Creta: So --

[redacted]**:** A sergeant.

Creta: Tahoe is just referring to a sergeant?

[redacted] Yes, in this case I was referring to a sergeant. Correct.

Creta: Okay.

[redacted]**:** Yes.

Creta: And is it a positive identification of Mr. [redacted] occurred on 130th and Mona?

[redacted]**:** I believe so. He provided the information to Fire and paramedics who were already with a return along with the Fire - [redacted] of - indicating that was [redacted] providing the same information that was corroborated with the address and everything.

Creta: And you verified that information on the scene? Or did that - did you learn of that information when you got to the hospital?

[redacted]: I believe at that time I got to the hospital it was verified.

Creta: Okay. And you relayed that information to the unit that transported Mr. [redacted] to the hospital?

[redacted] Yes, because he wanted to cite him out.

Creta: Okay.

[redacted]: Just leave him in the field in the hospital.

Morales: Did you get a chance to look at Mr. [redacted] and notice any - anything if he - well did you notice if he had any symptomologies that was consistent with being under the influence of a controlled substance?

[redacted]: He appeared fidgety and at the time he had the - he didn't want to say anything. He was more - maybe pupils were dilated slightly but nothing that I could obviously tell. Since he had a neck brace on and they put the mask on him I couldn't see anything further. And at the time I think they had wiped down his head. I'm not sure.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: There was a laceration to the right eye above the eyebrow. So, I don't know if he was - he had small droplets of water like sweating a little bit they had wiped him down, so I couldn't make a determination from that.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: And I'm not sure why he refused a urine also.

Morales: So, when you were at the - when you were at the hospital you okayed his citation for 11550?

[redacted]: Yes.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: That's correct.

Morales: Have you talked - had you talked to - but you had not talked to Vega or Hernandez - never mind. Never mind. You already said that. You said after you left the hospital that's when you met with Vega and Hernandez? At the debrief?

[redacted]: I believe before the debrief.

Morales: Okay. Well before the debrief --

[redacted]: They had debriefed then I went to the hospital or - it was before I went to the hospital I had met with them.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: So --

Morales: Okay. Perfect. That's - that's what I wanted to know.

[redacted]: Yes.

Morales: Okay. So, before you went to the hospital you met with Vega and Hernandez?

[redacted]: Yes.

Morales: And tell me if this is wrong. I just want to make sure I go the time line right.

[redacted] Mm-mm.

Morales: You - let's start with 130th and Mona. You see him - you see Jesus [redacted] there. You know he's going to the hospital. After - and again tell me if I'm wrong. After that you met with Vega and Hernandez to - they tell you about Mr. [redacted] and the incident's debriefed. After that then you go to MLK.

[redacted]: That is correct.

Morales: Okay. Just wanted to make sure.

[redacted]: Yeah.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: And then Mr. [redacted] was being treated that's when pretty much they broke down containment believing that the suspect they were looking for was out of the containment. And did not want to withhold further resources.

Morales: Okay. When he was being treated at 130th and Mona?

[redacted]: Yes.

Morales: Approximately. Okay. You got anything?

Creta: No.

Morales: Okay. Perfect. That'll conclude the interview. The time is approximately 1:47.

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SUBJECT INTERVIEW

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Morales: We are on the record. Today's date is May 20th, 2021. The time is approximately 1115 hours. I am Sergeant Joseph Morales and with me is Sergeant Ernie Ferreras. We are assigned to the Internal Affairs Bureau, which is commanded by Captain William Jaeger, J-a-e-g-e-r. We're at the Internal Affairs Bureau in Commerce with Sergeant [redacted], Employee No. [redacted]43. This is a subject interview regarding Case No. IV2511757. Also present remotely is Sergeant [redacted] representative, James Cunningham. The nature of this subject interview involves an allegation you provided false information during the reporting of a traffic collision and approved reports containing inconsistencies and/or false information. For the record, I need everyone present to state their first and last name and please spell your last name. And Mr. [redacted] representative is here remotely via WebEx. And I am Sergeant Joseph Morales, M-o-r-a-l-e-s.

Ferreras: I'm Sergeant Ferreras, F-e-r-r-e-r-a-s.

[redacted]**:** Sergeant Marco [redacted] with a second last name of [redacted]

Cunningham: Attorney Jim Cunningham, C-u-n-n-i-n-g-h-a-m.

Morales: Sergeant [redacted] prior to going on record, you were provided an Administrative Rights form for Sworn and Non-Sworn Subjects; is that correct?

[redacted]**:** Yes.

Morales: Sir, did you have an opportunity to read that form?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: And did you have -- do you understand that form?

[redacted]**:** Yes.

Morales: And I see that you marked both boxes as "yes" in regards to having a Policy and Ethics chapter of the Manual of Policy and Procedures and your understanding of its contents; is that correct?

[redacted]: Yes.

Morales: You were also given this Lybarger Admonishments, okay? Did you have an opportunity to read that form, sir?

[redacted]: Yes.

Morales: And did you understand that form?

[redacted]: Yes.

Morales: I see you marked the box "yes" as far as understanding the rights that have been explained to you, but you did mark the box "no," "With these rights in mind would you like to speak to me now;" is that correct?

[redacted]: Yes.

Morales: Sergeant [redacted], although you checked the "no" box there, I'm gonna order you to cooperate with this line of questioning regarding this administrative investigation. Do you understand?

[redacted]: Yes.

Cunningham: And if I could, Sarg, thank you. This is Jim Cunningham. The -- I want to make it clear on the record for all -- anyone who hears this audio and, ultimately, sees the transcript that I am representing Sergeant [redacted] and it is my understanding that -- that this is a compelled interview. No one who listens to this audio or reads this transcript should believe that this is a voluntary interview. And as a compelled interview as Lybarger states this can only be used for administrative purposes and under no circumstances can it be used for any subsequent criminal investigation of Mr. [redacted]. If we all have that same understanding, we are ready to go forward. Thank you.

Morales: All right. Thank you, sir, it's noted for the record. So, Sergeant [redacted], before we get started, I just wanted to point out for the record you were interviewed on November 18, 2020, by myself here at IAB regarding this administrative investigation, correct?

[redacted]: Yes.

Morales: And that -- that date you were a witness. Myself and another IA investigator interviewed you on that date. You were again interviewed on April 7th, 2021, by Internal Criminal Investigations Bureau; is that correct?

[redacted]: Yes.

Morales: So I gave you transcripts of both of those interviews to you and your attorney. Did you have an opportunity to read or review them?

[redacted]: Yes.

Morales: Is there anything you said in those prior interviews that you would like to clarify or amend now before we get started?

Cunningham: Can you provide -- can you provide him both of the transcripts --

Morales: Sure.

Cunningham: -- please?

Morales: These are -- this one is the one with me. This is the IA and this one was the ICIB.

[redacted]: I believe, sir, this -- I notice that at Rosecrans and Wilmington when I started responding to the scene, I probably meant to say Rosecrans and Willowbrook because we're leaving the station.

Morales: And is that for the interview with myself or --

[redacted] ICIB.

Morales: -- with yourself. Okay.

[redacted] But other than that, nothing crazy. Nothing.

Morales: So is it your testimony that what you said in the IA interview with me and the ICIB interview were truthful and accurate statements you had previously given?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: So I just want to rundown just a brief synopsis of what we talked about the last time --

[redacted] Okay.

Morales: -- and just to refresh your memory. And if I'm wrong about something, I'd like you to point it out.

[redacted]: Okay.

Morales: So and I'm just doing this off of memory as we talked.

[redacted] Okay.

Morales: I do have some notes in front of me that I had written down from our conversation before, but I just want to make sure that we're still on the same page as far as your events of what happened before we get started into a further line of questioning. So on the date of the incident, I think it was April 13th, correct, 2020, you were assigned to Unit 285 Sam and your partner was Sergeant Valerie Franco, who was 280 Sam, okay? And you were -- you both responded together Code 3. You were in Sergeant Franco's vehicle with her when Deputy Vega broadcast emergency radio traffic. And at any point stop me and correct me if I'm wrong. I'm just going off of what you told me.

[redacted]**:** Yes, sir.

Morales: So you responded with Sergeant Franco, and I believe you were going southbound in an alley and you stated you looked to your right, which would have been toward the west, and you saw a vehicle had TC'd in the alley. You continued southbound with Sergeant Franco. She took a containment spot and then you exited the vehicle and walked to Deputy Vega and Deputy Hernandez. I think you said it took about three to five minutes for you to get from where you were dropped off with Sergeant Franco to Deputy Vega and Hernandez's location -- or Deputy Vega's location in the alley where the TC happened. Does that still sound accurate?

[redacted] Yeah, I just don't remember how long it took me to walk over.

Morales: At the -- at the time when I interviewed you, you said it was about three to five minutes but --

[redacted]**:** That I recall, yes.

Morales: -- but you did walk over there.

[redacted]**:** Correct.

Morales: And you had previously said that when you got there, you did not see Mr. [redacted]; that the only two people that were there were Deputy Vega and Deputy Hernandez; is that correct?

[redacted]**:** Yes.

Morales: And at the time you thought it was the two of them that were involved in a TC, but there was a containment for a person with a gun and there was a lot of things going on. Your primary concern was their safety and their

wellbeing and once you saw that they were okay, you kind of went to traffic investigative mode because there was somebody there whose car was crashed and there was a wall that was torn down. So far so good?

[redacted]: Yes.

Morales: At some point, you -- well, you had said that the whole time you were in the alley, you didn't have any knowledge about Mr. [redacted] Deputy Vega and Deputy Hernandez did not tell you anything about it. You had, at some point, left the location to go get your patrol car; is that correct?

[redacted] Yes. I left initially to the command post --

Morales: Okay.

[redacted] -- then I got a ride to grab a patrol car.

Morales: And once you got your sergeant vehicle, you heard radio traffic of somebody needing -- somebody requesting a 902R near the location and then that alerted you, hey, you had some questions about that so you went to that location and that's when you first saw Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] Yes. So when I was at the station grabbing the sergeant vehicle, I informed Lieutenant Veloz regarding what happened at the traffic collision. He indicated somebody called indicating that their loved one or [redacted] was in the traffic collision. Not sure if it was our traffic collision or not so I began to respond. And at the same time I was hearing the radio traffic indicating 902R or paramedics.

Morales: So you went to investigate and when you arrived --

[redacted] I went to investigate. Yes.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted] Is when I first saw him.

Morales: So still consistent with everything. So I want to make sure -- because I want to make sure I'm getting this stuff right too. You contacted Mr. [redacted] and you asked him to -- you asked him some questions, but he refused to speak to you.

[redacted] And, yes. When he was being treated, correct.

Morales: And then eventually he was given a citation for being under the influence of methamphetamine and you approved his field release from the hospital.

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: All right. So all that so far so good on the same page. Okay. So we're gonna just break this down a little bit, and I'm not really gonna ask you questions I asked you before because we've already covered everything. You said your earlier statements were truthful and accurate so I'm not gonna try and trip you up on anything. We're just gonna get some facts and during this -- I had heard there was an earlier incident at Wilson Park prior to Deputy Vega and Deputy Hernandez -- prior to them, their incident with Mr. [redacted] at the park where it all began. There was an earlier incident that same day at or near the park. Can you tell me something? Can you tell me more about that incident? Or can you tell me anything about that incident?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: What do you -- what -- what -- just cause I didn't hear anything about it. I just found out about it through the discovery of my investigation. So what happened there?

[redacted]**:** I believe it was Deputy Garzon and Sandoval requested for backup or indicated on the radio they're involved in an altercation or fight with an armed suspect.

Morales: All right. Was this at Wilson Park or in the immediate area?

[redacted] It's on one of the streets off Wilson Park, not in the park, but off the side street --

Morales: Okay.

[redacted] -- which is the street that runs north southwest of the park, and I don't recall the exact location of the street they're on. I don't know if it was Little Alameda or not. I don't remember, sir.

Morales: About how -- about how soon -- when did this happen in relation to Deputy Vega's traffic collision?

[redacted] Approximately, 20 to 30 minutes beforehand.

Morales: So 20 to 30 minutes before Deputy Vega was involved in a traffic collision, there was another incident near Wilson Park involving Deputy Garzon?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: And his partner?

[redacted]: Correct.

Morales: And what was the result of that incident?

[redacted] They were able to successfully detain a suspect, recovered a firearm from him and arrested him.

Morales: Was there emergent traffic that went out?

[redacted] I believe there was, sir, I just don't remember if they asked on the patch or if they asked for it on LTAC or Compton Metro.

Morales: We're not gonna break down that incident because that's not in the scope of this investigation.

[redacted] Okay.

Morales: But in regards to that incident, I just want to know to your knowledge did that prior incident have anything to do with Vega and Hernandez going to Wilson Park and detaining Mr. [redacted]?

[redacted] I -- I believe -- I don't know, to be honest. I don't. If they -- I don't even know if they're responding to it or not.

Cunningham: (INAUDIBLE) they -- the -- the Sergeant Morales does not want you to guess.

[redacted] Yeah.

Cunningham: If you don't know, you don't -- don't -- don't guess. No one in that room wants you guessing, okay?

[redacted] I don't remember. I don't know.

Morales: Did you ever gain any information from them until now that that prior incident had anything to do with Deputy Vega or Deputy Hernandez and Mr. [redacted]? Is there any connection between the two that you know of?

[redacted] Not that I know of, no.

Morales: So when you drove past the traffic collision with Sergeant Franco in that alley, do you remember -- you said you saw the traffic collision, you saw the car. Do you remember if you saw [redacted] walking somewhere in the neighborhood or in that alley prior to you getting to the TC?

[redacted] No.

Morales: So you do not -- did you see anybody walking around that you can remember?

[redacted] That was not a deputy? No.

Morales: When is the first time that you can recall seeing [redacted]?

[redacted] When I went to 130th St. and Mona and he was being treated by the paramedics.

Morales: When you saw him, did you ever think to yourself, hey, that guy looks familiar? I saw him in the area a little bit ago?

[redacted] No.

Morales: Anything so far?

Ferreras: No.

Morales: So when you were walking to the traffic collision and on the last interview when it was a little bit fresher in your memory, you said it had taken three to five minutes to get to where Sergeant Franco dropped you off to walk to the alley. And just to clarify, did you walk or did you run to Deputy Vega? Do you remember?

[redacted] Sorry, sir, I believe it was mostly, if anything, a brisk walk, but not running.

Morales: Okay, fair enough. You've got a lot of gear on, your belt and everything. I get it. When you were walking towards that traffic collision, were you coming from the south? South of the alley?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: Would that have been 130th St.?

[redacted] Yes, 130th St.

Morales: Did you ever see a unit driving away from the crash site that could have -- that -- that could have been transporting anybody, Mr. [redacted]?

[redacted]**:** I don't remember seeing a unit. No.

Morales: And you did your investigation of the traffic collision in that alley. Can you be a little bit more specific about what efforts you made to locate surveillance cameras in that alley?

[redacted] Yes. I asked and walked most of the alley leading up to where the vehicle collided from the east to the west to check for surveillance video cameras. I did not see any -- any of them obvious cameras.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]**:** I asked Mr. [redacted], I believe [redacted], the vehicle owner, if he had cameras or knew anybody in the area that had cameras, and I believe he said, no.

Morales: What efforts did you make to locate witnesses in that -- in that alley?

[redacted]**:** Well, I did locate Mr. [redacted] who walked -- was waiting outside. I believe he had [redacted] that was outside, but she was more of a looky-loo than a witness because I asked her if she saw anything. She said, no, and then indicated that was [redacted] vehicle.

Morales: And when you recorded your interview with [redacted], Sergeant Franco was there with you as well, correct?

[redacted]**:** Yes.

Morales: And I -- I -- at 1714 hours, the video is shown -- there's a statement by you saying the interviewing. So do you know if she came to help you in the alleyway before or after she went to the C/P?

[redacted]**:** This is after.

Morales: So she had already gone to the C/P?

[redacted]**:** Yes.

Morales: And then came back to your location?

[redacted]**:** I'll -- I'll clarifying that.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]**:** So at 1714 hours, I believe I already had came back from MLK, Martin Luther King Hospital. I came by myself and I -- I believe at that time I met up with Sergeant Franco in attempt to assist me to expedite this investigation since we're still waiting for highway patrol.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted]: And at that time as you notice, 1714 hours, is the time I talked to Mr. [redacted]

Morales: Got ya.

[redacted]: Video-recorded, at least. I talked to him previously.

Morales: But that's when you recorded his statement?

[redacted] Correct.

Morales: And did you ask Mr. [redacted] if he witnessed the accident?

[redacted]: I believe I did.

Morales: And -- okay. And do you remember what he told you?

[redacted]: He said, no. He just heard a large noise.

Morales: And when CHP arrived, were you present when CHP got there?

[redacted] I was present when highway patrol was there. I don't think I was there when they pulled up.

Morales: So did you ever make contact? Okay. I'll get back to that. Now, CHP, they ended up taking the handle on the incident.

[redacted] That is correct.

Morales: And that's because it wasn't Compton Station's area, correct?

[redacted] Correct.

Morales: Was it Century's area?

[redacted] It was unincorporated LA County, and I believe that's right around the border, sir. I don't want to guess. So it could be either Compton's or Century's County area.

Morales: Did it -- did it seem strange to you that CHP would have taken the handle on that report? Or did that seem like that was the right thing to do?

[redacted] Know, that's their traffic collision investigation area, and I thought that was the right thing to do since that's their area.

Morales: There was a Deputy Robles also working a traffic car that day. Do you remember her?

[redacted]: Yes.

Morales: Did she arrive to the alley at some point to do an initial traffic collision investigation?

[redacted]: I don't remember. I remember we had a female deputy. I'm not sure if it was her or another female deputy on duty that was, pretty much, safeguarding the vehicle when it was crashed in the alley holding it until we figured out what happened with those actions.

Morales: Would it be -- would it be common for if there's a deputy involved TC for a Compton traffic car to arrive to the location at some point to ascertain, you know, what happened? Because you, at the time -- I guess what I'm getting at is at the time there's a traffic collision that happens, we're trying to -- people are trying to figure out, hey, is this -- are we gonna handle it? Is CHP gonna handle it? Is Century gonna handle it? Make sense for a traffic car to come from Compton Station to check it out?

[redacted]: Yes, sir. Most likely, if she arrived or traffic unit arrived was to obtain initial information to do an accurate pass long -- pass-along to highway patrol since they would be the ones investigating it.

Morales: When the CHP officer arrived, who -- who took the traffic report, did you ever speak with that CHP officer?

[redacted] Yes, I did.

Morales: Did that CHP officer tell you -- to your knowledge, did that CHP officer already interview Mr. [redacted] or had he not gone to the hospital yet?

[redacted]: I don't believe he had gone.

Morales: Was there any discussion about Mr. [redacted] and to the CHP officer?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: What was the nature of that?

[redacted]: I told him that Mr. [redacted] was at the hospital and he was a passenger in the rear seat of the vehicle.

Morales: So to the best of your knowledge, the CHP officer had not interviewed Mr. [redacted] at that point.

[redacted] That is correct.

Morales: And your prior -- going off memory again -- your prior interview with me, I think you stated you gained knowledge of Mr. [redacted] at the command post at Pop's Chicken when Vega and Hernandez had told you about him. That -- that's when you found out he was in the back seat or that's when they -- I'm sorry -- that's when they told you he was in the back seat. Is that -- is that correct?

[redacted] No, sir. I think that was misunderstood.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted] So when they first told me was at 130th and Mona. They're debriefing the S.W.A.T. guy. Well, yes, K-9, SEB --

Morales: Okay.

[redacted] -- so I had arrived and then Vega said, hey, sir, sorry I didn't tell you earlier but -- about the guy in the back seat. I got caught up.

Morales: So just for a second --

[redacted] (INAUDIBLE) debriefing.

Morales: -- at 130th and Mona is that where you responded to when you heard the radio traffic and was told there's a person being detained who was in the -- who needed medical attention?

[redacted] That is correct.

Morales: So you get to the location and Mr. [redacted] is there. And then you say Deputy Vega's also there.

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: So you're there and Deputy Vega told you about that.

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: Go on. Go on. If you could just tell me more about that.

[redacted] Well, that's when he told me, hey, sir, sorry I didn't tell you earlier. We had this guy in the back seat. He was involved in the collision. Somebody took him out but he's here now. And I said, okay. I'm gonna have to go talk to him to see if he's gonna be staying in here or at the hospital. And

then they indicated to me that they were gonna break down the containment and possibly go to the debrief which was at Pop's Chicken.

Morales: So --

[redacted] (INAUDIBLE) for the station.

Morales: So I just want to make sure. Did he tell you anything about how he got out of the car at that point after the TC? At that point.

[redacted] Who got out of the car?

Morales: Did he tell you anything about Mr. [redacted] getting out of the car after the traffic collision?

[redacted] He said he transferred him to another patrol vehicle.

Morales: So he told you at -- at 130th and Mona that he put him in the back seat of another patrol vehicle?

[redacted]**:** Yes.

Morales: And there was a debriefs at Pop's Chicken more of a formal debrief with more involved deputies?

[redacted] Correct.

Morales: So, initially, when -- when we spoke before, you thought that discussion happened at Pop's Chicken during that debrief, but -- but you're clarifying now that -- that that discussion actually occurred on 130th and Mona when -- when you responded to that location.

[redacted] Yes, sir, because he was debriefing the K-9 guys and then him telling me is almost like a debrief. In my mind, that's what I thought what I was conveying to you the last time.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted] But because I never went to Pop's Chicken to get debriefed.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted] I had to go to MLK at that time.

Morales: Understood. So it was a smaller debrief. So I -- I understand.

[redacted] Yeah.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted] Him debriefing me.

Morales: And -- okay. So you -- when you went to the -- when you initially went to the alley after that, you went where?

[redacted] So when I -- when I initially made contact in the alley when I walked over, and then where did I go from there?

Morales: Yeah.

[redacted]**:** I walked back to the Tahoe because at that time they were closer to us to go to the command post --

Morales: Okay.

[redacted] -- which was at Pop's Chicken --

Morales: Okay.

[redacted] -- off of Rosecrans Avenue. And then I -- from there, I went with Sergeant Franco together to the command post.

Morales: So she -- she -- you went to the command post with Sergeant Franco at Pop's Chicken?

[redacted]**:** Yes.

Morales: There was an -- the first command post was at Compton Station in the parking lot and then the small -- smaller one?

[redacted] As far as I know, somebody said the initial command post where to set people up from the back of a patrol car.

Morales: Yeah, okay.

[redacted] So I don't know where the -- typically, we'll take a -- a containment spot or if it's a unit that's maybe been booking at the station or CRDF, which they have the time they'll start setting up the containment from their car and paper and that's considered the command post until there's an actual location picked up with big parking and everything set up formally, for lack of better terms.

Morales: Understood. Hey, Mr. Cunningham, I just want to make sure that you could still hear us and everything's good.

Cunningham: I -- I can. I can -- I'm -- I'm tracking and you're doing a great job Sergeant, not trying to go over the same topics, but there have been four or five of the most recent questions are almost identical to the questions you did on November 18th, but -- but I think you're trying ---

Morales: Yeah.

Cunningham: -- as best you can to do that.

Morales: Yeah, I'm -- I'm --

Cunningham: I appreciate it.

Morales: -- doing my best to -- to avoid that. Thank you, sir. So who took you from the command post back to the station to get a car?

[redacted] It was Sergeant, at the time, Cabrera and one of his detectives, Detective Burke, OSS. They were both OSS at the time.

Morales: On the ride back to the station, was there any discussion between yourself and those individuals about this traffic collision or this 417 suspect not being held at scene? Any suspicions raised at that time about anything?

[redacted] Oh, no.

Ferreras: So I just got really quick. Are you familiar with Wilson Park?

[redacted]**:** Yes. Why? We go there often for calls of shootings and disturbances.

Ferreras: So is that -- is there a lot of arrests made there?

[redacted] Yes.

Ferreras: For what reason?

[redacted] It's been several in my time at Compton for firearms' possessions.

Ferreras: Now going back to 130th and Mona when you first saw Mr. [redacted] correct?

[redacted] Correct.

Ferreras: Was he being treated by EMS or deputies?

[redacted]: No, by paramedics, LA County Fire Paramedics.

Ferreras: Was he in back of a radio car?

[redacted] Yes.

Ferreras: And was it at that time that you were trying to interview Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] I tried to talk to him and he wouldn't say anything, but they were putting a soft brace on his neck. At that time, I let Fire treat him.

Ferreras: At -- and you mentioned that was the first time you were made aware of who Mr. [redacted] was?

[redacted] Yes, confirmed who he was.

Ferreras: So where did you think Mr. [redacted] came from, then?

[redacted] What do you mean, sir?

Ferreras: Like, how -- like, what was Mr. -- in your mind, what was Mr. [redacted] involvement in this incident?

[redacted] At that time, when he was initially detained and then what Deputy Vega told me and one of the deputies said that he was with the passenger in the rear patrol vehicle of the traffic collision.

Ferreras: So why was Mr. [redacted] on 130th and Mona?

[redacted] I don't know.

Ferreras: At any time, did you think maybe Mr. [redacted] escaped from some other deputy's patrol vehicle?

[redacted] No.

Ferreras: Okay.

Morales: Lieutenant, who is the watch commander, Officer Veloz?

[redacted] Veloz, yes.

Morales: You said when you responded to 130th and Mona there was Oscar Veloz had told you about somebody calling and saying his [redacted] was hurt at 130th and Mona and the radio traffic as well that led you to that. Do you recall what frequency that radio traffic was on?

[redacted] I don't, sir.

Morales: Okay.

[redacted] Cause at that time, there was possibly Metro, the patch, and tactical frequency.

Morales: All right. Now, I think you said you -- you said when you were at 130th and Mona, that's, in fact, when Deputy Vega told you about Mr. [redacted] Was Deputy Hernandez with Deputy Vega when he told you that? Did they approach you together or was this Vega on his own telling you that?

[redacted] They -- they were together close, but Vega's the one that told me.

Morales: Did Deputy Hernandez add any statements about -- tell you anything about Mr. [redacted] being in the back seat of the vehicle?

[redacted] No, not that I remember.

Morales: Did -- at that time when Deputy Vega told you that he trans -- that he transferred him to another car, did you ask him whose car he was transported into?

[redacted] I don't remember.

Morales: Did Deputy Vega elaborate on anything, as far as whose car he was put into at a specific time?

[redacted] No, not that I remember.

Morales: Did anybody ever tell you or did you gain knowledge that either Deputy Hernandez went to 130th and Mona to positively ID Mr. [redacted] in the back seat of Deputy Garzon's vehicle because they thought maybe he was the 417 suspect?

[redacted] Not that I remember, sir.

Morales: So you don't know if Vega and Hernandez -- well, why -- why did you think Vega and Hernandez were there at 130th and Mona?

[redacted] Well, that's where I responded and they were there.

Morales: I know, but why do you think they were there at that specific location? Because we've got a big containment going -- cause there's a containment going, there's a traffic accident. So they -- Vega had left the scene of the TC and specifically when to 130th and Mona where Mr.

[redacted] was. Do you know the reason why Vega was there at that location?

[redacted] I -- so they're debriefing the K-9, the S.W.A.T. team in that area. I'm not sure that was toward end of the search and they were there just at the same time for the same reasons.

Morales: So you did not -- just so I'm clear. You didn't -- you didn't know that Mr. [redacted] was in the back seat of the car and held as a possible 417 suspect?

[redacted] No, I did not.

Morales: And you also didn't know -- and correct me if I'll wrong -- that Deputy Vega or Deputy Hernandez was not there to -- to identify him or -- or rule him out as a 417 suspect.

[redacted] Yes. I did not know that.

Morales: When they told you about Mr. [redacted] in the back seat, did they give a reason why they didn't tell you about it when you were in the alley?

[redacted] Briefly, they -- in an apologetic term they told me they got caught up with the radio communication and that that's the reason he didn't tell me. And at the time me believing that I had to treat -- take care of Mr. [redacted] and I had to make sure he got treated and transported and I had to go to try to talk to him over there, I had -- I went into administrative mode to go do that.

Ferreras: Before we move on, I just have one question. How did Vega and Hernandez get from the alley to 130th and Mona?

[redacted] I don't know, sir. Maybe they walked. I --

Ferreras: So who was watching the radio car that was just involved in a traffic collision?

[redacted] I -- I wouldn't know who was watching the car, sir.

Ferreras: Do you know if the patrol car was still in the alley?

[redacted] Yes, it was still in the alley.

Ferreras: Do you know if any other deputies were there?

[redacted] In the alley?

Ferreras: With the patrol car.

[redacted] I don't know.

Ferreras: So could the patrol car been just left in the alley by itself unattended?

[redacted] I highly doubt it, sir.

Ferreras: But you don't know that?

[redacted] Exactly. I don't know that.

Ferreras: Okay.

Morales: Deputy Robles, did you know who that is?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: Did she do a traffic car?

[redacted] Yes. I believe she was a traffic car. I'm not sure of this date of the incident she was or was not.

Morales: Could she have been at the traffic collision site with the -- with the vehicle?

[redacted] Possibly, sir. Somebody was tasked to watch the vehicle until we figure it out for the same reason that we had to notify Traffic Services Detail as well so we wouldn't move the car just in case they were gonna roll out to do their investigation

Morales: So when you went to 130th and Mona, were you confident that that vehicle was secured by somebody somehow?

[redacted] Yes, I was.

Morales: So Witness Schaper was the one who gave the cite to Mr. [redacted] for under the influence -- for being under the influence of methamphetamine, correct?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: When you gave Witness Schaper -- and then you previously gave Witness Schaper approval to (INAUDIBLE) and give him the cite; is that correct?

[redacted] Correct.

Morales: What did you base -- what did you base that -- in your mind, why was that an okay thing to do? Like, why give him the approval? In other words, would the elements of the crime of 11550 satisfied by you?

[redacted] At the time, yes, based on what I was told and the treatment of Mr. [redacted] I did not know how long it would take -- take for him to be treated and so forth.

Morales: What would that have anything to do? What does that have to do with it?

[redacted] I -- just time constraints something being busy and so forth. I didn't want to leave the station short. The misdemeanor.

Morales: Did -- when you gave the okay for Schaper to give Mr. [redacted] that citation, did you have any reason to think that [redacted] had not been under the influence of a controlled substance?

[redacted] No. I had no indication he was not.

Morales: Did you -- did you feel like your deputies had done some sort of investigation to satisfy the elements of that crime?

[redacted] Yes, I did.

Morales: So when you gave the approval, were you doing that in good faith?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: Mr. [redacted] was at Martin Luther King Hospital at some point, but this was during Covid time, right? They weren't letting a lot of people inside of the hospital? April 2020?

[redacted] I believe so, sir, but I believe since he was our prisoner he wouldn't have been able to go with Mr. [redacted] as well.

Morales: But you -- but Mr. [redacted], though. He was at Martin Luther King, right?

[redacted] Right.

Morales: Did you ever -- did you ever see him there that you can recall?

[redacted] I don't remember, sir.

Morales: So you don't recall seeing a person who identified himself as Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] Not to me, no.

Morales: Speaking of Mr. [redacted], he refused to sign the citation at first; is that correct?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: How did -- did you gain knowledge of that at the time?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: How did you gain knowledge of that?

[redacted] I believe the deputy there got me on the radio or called me indicating the refusal.

Morales: And who responded? Did anybody respond to Martin Luther King?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: Who was that?

[redacted] I did and I believe I was there with Sergeant Franco.

Morales: Did anybody talk to Mr. [redacted] about why he wasn't gonna sign the citation?

[redacted] I believe I asked him and he said, no, but at the time we got there, he was on the phone with [redacted] and the [redacted] said he was close by and [redacted] sign the citation.

Morales: Did [redacted] sign the citation?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: Did he see him sign it?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: Did you record any of the -- so he never -- he started to refuse, but he didn't refuse; he actually went through and he signed it. So were you going to report his refusal?

[redacted] That is correct. I was gonna report the refusal in order to hard-book him.

Morales: But did you record anything since he signed?

[redacted] I don’t remember, sir, since he signed.

Morales: If -- okay. So you don’t recall if you recorded the initial refusal or not?

[redacted] I don’t remember, sir.

Morales: Do you know how Mr. [redacted] found out [redacted] was at the hospital at the time?

[redacted] No, sir.

Morales: When you were there, were you aware that Mr. [redacted] refused to provide a urine sample?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: Was that refusal recorded in any way?

[redacted] I don’t know, sir.

Morales: Did you ask anyone to record the refusal?

[redacted] No.

Ferreras: Did -- why was Suspect [redacted] on the phone with his [redacted] as -- as a prisoner?

Cunningham: I don’t think that was Mr. [redacted] statement. Maybe you want to ask clarification.

Ferreras: You did say suspect [redacted] was on a phone, right?

[redacted] Yes.

Ferreras: And you said he was on the phone with [redacted]

[redacted] From what I was told, it was [redacted] on the phone.

Ferreras: Do you know why he was allowed to be on the phone at all?

[redacted] No.

Ferreras: Did you see him on the phone?

[redacted] Yes.

Ferreras: Did you ask where he got the phone?

[redacted] I believe that was one of the deputy's phones.

Ferreras: But did you inquire why he gave him the phone?

Cunningham: Are we -- hold on. Hold on one second. So are we now switching to Performance of Standard investigation as to the conduct of the sergeant following policies and procedures? Because that's nowhere listed as the focus or subject of this investigation.

Ferreras: No, -- go ahead. I'm sorry.

Morales: No, go ahead.

Ferreras: No, No. I'm just trying to clarify where this phone came from cause it's -- at the beginning, it's kind of a mysterious phone because they said Mr. [redacted] was on the phone with his [redacted]. So I just want to clarify where the phone came from, that's all.

Cunningham: Yeah, that -- I just don't see the connection, Sarg, with -- with the allegations here that he gave false information as to a scene of a TC and then approved reports that were not -- that were not accurate. I don't -- I'm not getting the connection here as to what these allegations are.

Ferreras: Yeah, I -- I -- I -- and it's noted, Mr. Cunningham, but he did -- he did mention the phone on his own. No one asked him until he mentioned the phone in the -- in the conversation. So we're just trying to clarify where the phone came from and, I mean, from what your last answer you said you believed that it was a deputy's phone.

[redacted] That is correct.

Ferreras: But you don't -- do you know it was the deputy's phone?

[redacted] I don't.

Morales: So let's talk more about Mr. [redacted] Did you gain knowledge that [redacted] had called Compton Station looking for information about [redacted]?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: When, specifically, did you gain that information?

[redacted] When Lieutenant Veloz told me a man was calling indicating that [redacted] was involved in a traffic collision and that's when I left.

Morales: did -- and was he the watch commander that day?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: Was -- and this incident happened on p.m. shift. Was he the -- was he the normal p.m. watch commander or was he on a double or do you remember?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: You don't have to know. I don't know if he's on a double, but was he your regular p.m. watch commander?

[redacted] No. I think he was on a double.

Morales: What shift was he usually on? Do you -- do you recall?

[redacted] A.m. shift.

Morales: So he told you something about [redacted] calling the station. Did he tell you that he talked to him or somebody else talked to him?

[redacted] He didn't say who talked to him.

Morales: Did -- what information -- can you recall what specific information he gave to you as far as what [redacted] said on the phone?

[redacted] He indicated that [redacted] was in a traffic collision and was in a back seat of a patrol car and not getting treated.

Morales: At the -- when -- when with the watch commander, Lieutenant Veloz, told you that, did he tell you that [redacted] claimed Mr. [redacted] was in the back seat of the patrol car when the accident happened?

[redacted] Yeah, something along those lines. I don't remember specifically what he told me.

Morales: So when you went to 130th and Mona, you've already had some idea that this person may have been in the back seat of Vega's car, but it wasn't confirmed.

[redacted] Correct.

Morales: And it wasn't confirmed until Vega approached you.

[redacted] Correct.

Morales: How long after you got to 130th and Mona do you think they -- it took for Vega to come to you and tell you, hey, he was in the back seat of my patrol car?

[redacted] I don't remember, sir.

Cunningham: Hey -- hey, Sarg?

Morales: Yes, sir.

Cunningham: Thank you. Can we take a quick break? I have -- I just got a call from my house. I just need to follow up on that just for one minute.

Morales: Sure. We can take a quick break. We're gonna leave the WebEx on. I'll just pause everything here. Is that okay with you? And I could mute. We can mute everything on this side.

Cunningham: Okay. And then, Mr. [redacted] why don't you take a break as well, but I'm -- I'm gonna probably take -- it's gonna take me maybe five, 10 minutes to get this squared away and then we'll be back in action, okay?

Morales: So I tell you what. It's 1158 hours right now. We're gonna take a 10-minute break. Let's come back at 12:10 and we'll resume.

Cunningham: All right. Thank you, so much.

[redacted] I'm gonna get some water.

Morales: I'll walk you.

Cunningham: My recorder is on.

Morales: Okay. We are back on the record. We took approximately a 15-minute break. It's 12:16 right now, May 20th, 2021. And we're going to resume the interview with Mr. [redacted]. So, let's see, I think we talked about -- when we left off with how you gained knowledge that Mr. [redacted] had called the station, correct?

[redacted] Correct.

Morales: And I think you said the Watch Commander Veloz had told you that he had called the station asking about his son, which led you to 130th and Mona.

[redacted] Correct.

Morales: Did Sergeant [redacted] ever tell you anything about [redacted] coming to the C/P, the command post?

[redacted] No, not at that time.

Morales: Did you have knowledge that Mr. [redacted] had gone to the command post at Pop's Chicken?

[redacted] Jesus?

Morales: Mr. [redacted]. I'm sorry.

[redacted] Oh, [redacted]?

Morales: Yeah.

[redacted] Later, not -- not during the investigation. This was, like, way after.

Morales: When you did gain knowledge that Mr. [redacted] had gone to Pop's Chicken, who told you about that?

[redacted] I believe it was Sergeant [redacted]

Morales: Do you recall what she told you about that incident?

[redacted] She just told me that [redacted] went over there asking for [redacted] that he was directed there. And that that's as far as I know.

Morales: Did -- did she mention that [redacted] had claimed that [redacted] had been arrested, released, and then arrested again?

[redacted] No.

Morales: Did -- do you recall that she -- if she said anything about [redacted] being involved in a traffic collision with deputies at the C/P?

[redacted] If she told me that specifically?

Morales: Yeah, if you can recall.

[redacted] I don't remember.

Morales: When you talked about the incident -- when she gave you this information, was that in person or over the phone?

[redacted] I was in person.

Morales: So Oscar Veloz was the watch commander during this incident with Deputy Vega and Deputy Hernandez beginning with [redacted] detention at the park, the traffic collision, the containment and [redacted] subsequent release, correct?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: Citation. Citation release. What do you recall briefing the watch command about?

[redacted] Initially?

Morales: Yes.

[redacted] I told him that the deputies were involved in a traffic collision and had knocked down a block wall and that I -- he told me make sure Traffic Services Detail was notified and so forth, and that's when he told me about the information that a [redacted] called in indicating [redacted] was involved in a collision as well.

Morales: When you gained information about Mr. [redacted] at 130th and Mona and later on during that shift, what did you additionally brief the watch commander on?

[redacted] The -- well, before Lieutenant Veloz left, I made sure I informed him that Traffic Services Detail was notified. I believe he told me to make sure I notified Risk Management Bureau, and he indicated to me that make sure that I look at the reports and make sure I leave him a box so he could review them as well. He told me make sure the highway patrol -- we get a name and a serial number to obtain that report eventually, and to -- as far as I remember typical. Just to make sure what paperwork we needed to complete.

Morales: And just so we're clear for the record, the incident that we've been talking about, was this your handle as a sergeant or was it Sergeant Franco's handle?

[redacted] This was my handle since she initially had a handle on the force.

Morales: Are you -- the force, are you talking about the incident that happened at Wilson Park prior to this incident?

[redacted] That is correct.

Morales: So she had something and then you got something and this was your handle, the traffic collision and [redacted]

[redacted] Correct, sir.

Morales: Did you discuss that with Sergeant Franco and it was determined at some point that you were -- this was gonna be your handle?

[redacted] Yes, sir.

Morales: Did you tell Lieutenant Veloz, -- did you ever tell him that [redacted] was put in the back seat of an assisting unit?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: And what did you base that information on?

[redacted] What I was told by Deputy Vega.

Morales: When did you tell the watch commander that? Lieutenant Veloz?

[redacted] I believe I either told him in person or called him after when I was at 130th and Mona to indicate what we had and what was my next step --

Morales: Okay.

[redacted] -- as a way of letting him know and direction from me.

Morales: At some point -- and we'll get into the reports are approved -- but it -- at some point, Lieutenant Veloz saw a draft of the reports?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: Did he ever ask you about the vagueness of the reports written by Vega and Hernandez? Did he mention anything about that?

[redacted] Not that I remember.

Morales: Did Deputy -- or, I'm sorry. Did Lieutenant Veloz ever bring up to you about the handcuffing and the non -- non-notification to a supervisor that he -- that he -- let me rephrase that. Did Lieutenant Veloz ever approach

you and ask you to make sure that in their reports that it was clarified Suspect [redacted] was not handcuffed in the back seat of the car?

[redacted] You know what, sir? I believe that was part of the his corrections, but I don't remember him specifically telling me to make sure it's in there --

Morales: Okay.

[redacted] -- as far as I remember right now.

Morales: Do you recall if he ever asked you about clarifying Deputy Vega and Deputy's Hernandez's failure to promptly notify a supervisor that Mr. [redacted] was in the back seat of the car at the time of the traffic collision?

[redacted] Not that I remember, sir.

Morales: Do you recall a time Lieutenant Veloz ever asked you to clarify who, in fact, was transporting -- who responded to the alleyway and transported Mr. [redacted] out of the alley as Deputy Vega and Deputy Hernandez claimed in their reports?

[redacted] I don't remember, sir.

Morales: Did you have a discussion with Lieutenant Veloz about the unit that Deputy Vega and Deputy Hernandez said Mr. [redacted] was placed into? And when I'm talking about the unit, I'm talking about the unit that they said came into the alley and took custody of Mr. [redacted] immediately following the traffic collision.

[redacted] No.

Morales: That wasn't discussed with you and Lieutenant Veloz?

[redacted] You saying -- I'm sorry. Read the question, sir. I'm confused.

Morales: So, basically, what I'm asking you if you had a conversation at any point with Lieutenant Veloz who was the watch commander about the assisting unit that Vega and Hernandez claimed came to the alley and took custody of Mr. [redacted] and transported him away from the collision scene? Did you have --

Cunningham: And just -- just hold on. Thank you. I don't think you are clear in terms of the time. Do you mean at any time up till today? Do you mean on the day of the incident? During the report-writing? Can you clarify, sergeant, in terms of when?

Morales: Sure. Let's talk on the day of the incident. Did -- was there a conversation between the two of you that took place?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: And -- and what was said?

[redacted] About what, sir? We talked about --

Morales: Well, what -- what -- did you -- did he ask you who showed up in the alley?

[redacted] What do you mean? Did he specifically ask who showed up in the alley?

Morales: Did he ask, -- did Lieutenant Veloz ask you who -- what unit came to the alley?

[redacted] I don't remember right now.

Morales: After the date of the incident, did the two of you discuss who came to the alley?

[redacted] I believe we discussed it and it -- we assumed it was the guys who had him detained.

Morales: Okay.

Morales: Okay.

Ferreras: Was that ever confirmed?

[redacted]**:** No. I mean, the reason we're here, I believe, I guess, right?

Cunningham: The question was -- Mr. [redacted] the question was did you ever get personal knowledge, I think is what Ernie said is did you ever get personal knowledge as to whether or not the -- the folks that detained -- that had him detained are the same ones that picked him up in the alley. Is that your question?

Morales: Yeah. The question was, was it ever confirmed who took possession of Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] From?

Morales: The alley after immediately following the traffic collision.

[redacted] No.

Morales: So the -- the reports that you approved regarding this -- I believe there were three. There was a -- and I'll show them to you. There's a report written by Deputy Vega and Hernandez. It's an illegal possession of a firearm report. There's an under the influence of a controlled substance investigation report, and there's also a supplemental report written by Deputy Schaper. And you know what? I don't think I have that in here but I could go get it. Do you recall that? Do you recall those reports? I provided them to you and your attorney.

[redacted] The two, yes.

Morales: Deputy Schaper's supplemental report, let me go get it real quick.

[redacted] Okay.

Morales: It's -- oh, you probably have it right there, Ernie?

Cunningham: So I was given a number of documents. Let me see if that -- if that was one of them, Sarg.

Morales: Okay.

Cunningham: Let me just switch -- I'm switching screens --

Morales: It's a one-page sup.

Cunningham: Yeah, I don't think we (INAUDIBLE). Hold on.

Morales: I'm gonna look on the --

Cunningham: Yeah, see what you sent me. It would be quicker. Hold on.

Morales: Let's see. I'm gonna look at the E-mail real quick that I sent -- that I sent you.

Cunningham: Let's see what we got.

Morales: That's just a cite.

Cunningham: Yeah, so I'm pretty sure I have the --

Morales: Okay.

Cunningham: -- yeah, I don't have that one.

Morales: You know, I think it was sent to the other attorney before. Let me go grab it real quick. It's a one-page supplemental report.

Cunningham: Okay.

Morales: It's right there on top of my desk. This is -- this was not written -- this was not written by Mr. [redacted] It was a supplemental report written by Deputy Schaper. So --

Cunningham: Okay.

Morales: -- I'm just gonna point out that these three reports were approved by Mr. [redacted] So the report that Deputy Schaper gave, the supplemental report, did -- when he gave it to you for approval, did he -- did he hand it to you or did he drop it off in a box?

Cunningham: Can -- can, Sarg, can we have -- can we have -- since I'm not there, what I would typically do is if you're gonna ask him questions about that supplemental report, I'd give him an opportunity to read it.

Morales: Sure.

Cunningham: Can -- can he do that --

Morales: Absolutely.

Cunningham: -- and (INAUDIBLE).

Morales: It's like three paragraphs. Take your time. And if you would like, sir, I can read it out loud to you. Would you like to hear it?

Cunningham: You don't have the -- I take it nothing that you don't have the ability to share your screen with a document?

Morales: I don't, --

Cunningham: (INAUDIBLE).

Morales: -- but I could get it over to you right now. I'll have somebody send it to you right now.

Cunningham: Yeah, anything that he -- anything his initials are on, I think we're supposed to see -- well, I know we're supposed to see. So whatever -- whatever you're gonna ask him that he approved, ship those over, if you could. Thank you.

Ferreras: He's doing that right now, Mr. Cunningham.

Cunningham: Oh, okay. I thought I saw him -- this flash of light go across the screen. That was him, huh?

Ferreras: Right. You have the opportunity to read that?

[redacted] Yes.

Ferreras: Okay.

Cunningham: He's E-mailing me. He's gonna E-mail those to me right now. Ernie, would you mind if we went off the record for a second?

Ferreras: Yeah, let me -- we're gonna go ahead --

Cunningham: Okay.

Ferreras: -- and go off the record. It is 12:31.

Cunningham: All right. Mr. [redacted] let's take a break.

[redacted] Okay.

Ferreras: I'm gonna -- hey, sir, we're still on the record. Can you turn this off?

Cunningham: Yeah.

Ferreras: We're gonna go ahead and go off the record for a minute.

Morales: I'm gonna send that to you right now.

Cunningham: Perfect, I'll keep an eye out for. All right. As soon as I get them -- and, Mr. [redacted] why don't you take a break.

[redacted] Yes, sir.

Morales: We're gonna go off record take a break, 12:31.

Cunningham: Thank you. I am -- I am off.

Morales: We're back on record. Time is 12:38. I sent Mr. Cunningham a supplemental report that would -- that Witness Schaper had previously given Mr. [redacted] Okay. So you have a chance to look at that report, right, sir?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: So I'm not sure where he left off. When he gave you that report, did he -- do you remember if he handed it to you or did he just drop it off in a box? Or do you remember how you got?

[redacted] I don't, sir.

Morales: Do you remember reading it? Reading the report that he gave you in his presence?

[redacted] In his presence? No.

Morales: Did you ask him to clarify or change anything on the report?

[redacted] No.

Morales: So when you approved the report and he said he transported with the assistance of Fire 41, did you think that he was the one who went to the alley? And let me just, for the record, let me read out loud what it says.

[redacted] Yeah.

Morales: So this is Deputy Schaper's report. For this interview, it will be exhibit -- I'll just call it Exhibit A for this interview only. "I, Deputy Schaper, with the assistance of LA County Fire Engine 41 transported Suspect [redacted] to Martin Luther King Community Hospital." And then he goes on to say what injuries he observed. But that's what's written in that supplemental report and it looks like it was approved on April 13th, 2020, at 1630 hours. So fairly soon after the incident. When he wrote that, did you think Schaper was the one who must have gone into the alley because he said, "I transported"?

[redacted] I don't remember. I don't think so just because he was summoned to the area to assist in the transport. So at the time, no.

Morales: So when you approved that report, you didn't think, oh, he's the one that went to the alley?

[redacted] I don't remember. I don't think so.

Morales: But you made a -- you made reference to somebody requesting him to transport.

[redacted] That is correct.

Morales: You heard that radio traffic?

[redacted] I think I was there when they were waiting for him to see if he was gonna be able to transport him to the hospital or at least follow behind --

Morales: Okay.

[redacted] -- the paramedics.

Morales: So when Deputy Schaper followed the ambulance to Martin Luther King Hospital with [redacted] in the back seat of that ambulance, that was done in your presence?

[redacted] Yes, when he left. Yes.

Morales: Did you discuss this incident with Deputy Schaper at all?

[redacted] After this involvement? No, I don't remember.

Cunningham: When you say, "this incident," you're talking about the TC?

Morales: The transportation of Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] Not me. I talked to him regarding the report, but anything other that I remember significant, I don't remember anything.

Morales: But you didn't ask him to add anything to the report, to write anything to the report, or to make changes?

[redacted] Not that I remember, no.

Morales: What did you know about how Suspect [redacted] got out of that alley when you approved that report at that time?

[redacted] Oh, that a patrol unit picked him up, according to -- per Deputy Vega.

Morales: Now Exhibit B and C for this interview only are gonna be the reports written by Deputy Vega and Deputy Hernandez, will go Exhibit B as the under-the-influence-of-a-controlled-substance will go Exhibit C as the illegal firearm possession. Were both of those reports given to you at the same time?

[redacted] I believe, yes.

Morales: And Exhibit B has a signature from you 04-14-20 at 0235 hours. And then the other one, 04-14-20 at 0235 hours. So it appears just that they were

signed off at the same time so that's -- that's why I'm asking. So to your recollection, both of those reports were given to you at the same time?

[redacted] That is -- yes, I believe so.

Morales: Did Vega give you those reports, Hernandez, or both of them together?

[redacted] I believe it was Vega who handed them to me.

Morales: Was Hernandez present when Vega gave them to you?

[redacted] I believe so, yes.

Morales: So to the best of your recollection, they both gave you those reports together?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: And were they handed to you or were they dropped in the in-box at the watch sergeant's offices?

[redacted] They were handed to me at the watch sergeant's office.

Morales: Did you read both of those reports in their presence?

[redacted] Not in their presence, no.

Morales: At the time that you read these reports, did they appear to be consistent with each other?

[redacted] Yes, as far as my recollection goes.

Morales: Did you ever ask them to make corrections or changes?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: Do you recall what those changes were?

[redacted] I don't recall the exact changes or the -- or clarification in there. I had notes, but I don't have those notes anymore.

Morales: Was -- were any of these ever E-mailed to you?

[redacted] I don't recall.

Morales: And so you did ask them to make changes; you just don't recall the specific changes --

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: -- correct? Was that changes to both the reports or one in particular report?

[redacted] You know what, sir? I don't remember if one had a change more than the other. I don't remember, sir.

Morales: Did you -- do you recall if you told Vega or Hernandez or both of them that changes needed to be made?

[redacted] I -- I believe I told Vega since I saw him and -- and I don't remember which ones or both.

Morales: When Deputy Vega and Deputy Hernandez are writing about their initial contact with Mr. [redacted] at the park, did they ever tell you, like, in person that Mr. -- or did they ever claim that Mr. [redacted] had challenged them to a fight?

[redacted] I don't understand.

Morales: Did they ever tell you that Mr. [redacted] challenged them to a fight at the park?

[redacted] Well, based on what they told in the report that there was some type of threat or possible altercation to occur or something. I know it's profanity.

Morales: But do you -- do you remember specifically saying, hey, he said he challenged us to a fight?

[redacted] Not those words, no, I don't remember.

Morales: When you signed these reports, did you tell Vega or Hernandez to include the name of the transporting deputy that they referred to in the alley?

[redacted] I don't remember, sir.

Morales: Is there a reason you didn't tell them to?

[redacted] I probably missed it.

Cunningham: He just testified he doesn't remember.

Morales: Okay. Let's --

Cunningham: Since I'm not, there I can't -- I can't see, sergeant. Do you have those two reports in front of Sergeant [redacted]

Morales: Yes, sir, we do.

Cunningham: Okay.

Morales: We have them right there.

Cunningham: (INAUDIBLE).

Morales: You could -- you could use those. Let's see. Let's look at -- let's look at the illegal possession of a -- which one did I say was first? The under-the-influence? Let's look at the under-the-influence report. So, sir, if you could just go to Page 4 and one -- the third paragraph down on Page 4 of the -- under-the-influence-of-controlled-substance report. It says in this report, "Deputy Vega requested for an assisting unit to respond to his location and at that time, he had Suspect [redacted] exit the patrol vehicle. Deputy Vega quickly examined Suspect [redacted] for obvious injuries and asked him if he was hurt or injured. Suspect [redacted] nodded his head 'No.' Suspect [redacted] was placed in a patrol unit of an assisting unit and detained until the arrival of LA County Fire Department Engine paramedics." That particular paragraph there, sir, did you read that when they gave you this report?

[redacted] I mean, I read this report, sir. I just don't remember specifically reading that paragraph.

Morales: And then let's look at the illegal-possession-of-a-firearm report. Let's go to Page 4. Toward the bottom of Page 4, the third paragraph, "As my vehicle began to lose control, I" -- he collided with the block wall. And it goes on to say, "I exited the vehicle and continued to advise patrol units of the incident. A containment was established. While assisting units were setting up a containment, I transferred Mr. [redacted] to another patrol vehicle, K-9 deputies responded to the scene." Did -- did you -- do you recall reading that paragraph?

[redacted] With the specific reflection of that paragraph? No, sir. I mean, I remember reading the reports.

Morales: Is there any reason why you didn't tell them to clarify which unit they're talking about in -- in regards to those two sentences -- those two paragraphs?

[redacted] I -- I don't remember, sir.

Morales: Did you have any idea of who that person could have been at the time that you approved these reports?

[redacted] I believed the guys who had him detained were possibly the guys who had him.

Morales: And who was that?

[redacted] I think -- I believe it was Deputy Garzon and Sandoval.

Morales: So did you think it was possibly Garzon and Sandoval who responded to the alleyway?

[redacted] That is correct.

Morales: Did you ever ask them, "Did you guys go to the alley and pick up [redacted]"?

[redacted] No.

Morales: Any reason you didn't ask them for a supplemental report if you thought they were the ones who transported him?

[redacted] I don't remember. I remember Deputy Vega just said that they picked him up and they -- well, not them specifically, but a unit picked him up and took him to safety. I left it at that believing -- I don't remember believing possibly a sup was gonna come after. But I don't remember.

Morales: Before you signed these reports, did anyone ever tell you that [redacted] was found walking in the streets by Deputy Garzon?

[redacted] No.

Morales: When did you become aware that that had actually happened?

[redacted] I never became aware that actually happened. I saw -- I read that in the LA Times article that he made the allegation in a lawsuit.

Morales: Nobody at the station ever talked about that to your knowledge that you heard?

[redacted] What do you mean?

Morales: Like, you never heard somebody talking about, hey, Sandoval and Garzon, they picked up this guy that was in the back seat of Vega and Hernandez's car during that TC. You never heard any talk like that?

[redacted] No, other than in relation to the LA Times article.

Morales: When you signed the reports, did you believe that all that information presented to you was correct?

[redacted] That is correct, yes.

Morales: And when I say "reports," both of these reports written by Vega and Hernandez as well as the reports written by Deputy Schaper.

[redacted] That is correct.

Morales: Did you ever find out differently?

[redacted] Well, sir, I mean other than the allegation in the LA Times article, nobody's told me specifically that they're different.

Morales: Let me ask you it this way: Based on what you know now, was -- do you know -- do you know if there was a vehicle that responded to the alleyway and took custody of Mr. [redacted] after that, immediately after that traffic collision?

Cunningham: I'm sorry, Sergeant Morales, I don't understand the question.

Morales: I'm asking him if he has any knowledge that somebody did, in fact, respond to the alleyway and took custody of Mr. [redacted]

Cunningham: Other than all the information you've already asked him about what he was told and what he observed and all of that?

Morales: Yeah, I'm just -- I'm gonna ask him now, like, on today's date, do you have any information that, yes, somebody showed up in the alley and took custody of Mr. [redacted] Is that -- do you know that happened?

[redacted] Yes. I don't know if that happened.

Morales: So -- so -- okay. So --

[redacted] As of right now, I don't know who picked him up.

Morales: The traffic collision report, and I -- and you have this, sir, Mr. Cunningham.

Cunningham: I do.

Morales: This is a supervisor's report of incident or damage to County vehicle.

Cunningham: I do.

Morales: This one was submitted on May 12th, 2020. It looks like it was signed off on May 13th or given to Lieutenant Veloz. Hold on for a sec. Do you have anything in regards to that before we go further?

Ferreras: No.

Morales: On this TC report that you submitted on May 12th, you wrote, "Deputy Vega provided care to Suspect [redacted] who was immediately transferred to another patrol vehicle and taken to a safe location. What did you base that statement on?

[redacted] On what he told me and the report.

Morales: So on May 12th, 2020, when you turned in this report, did you still believe that that was a true statement?

[redacted] Yes, sir.

Morales: Did you make -- did you do any independent investigation to find out exactly whose patrol vehicle -- who that person was?

[redacted] No, sir.

Morales: Did you ever get any information prior to turning in this TC report that turned out to be inconsistent with what actually happened?

[redacted] No, sir, not that I recall. And you mean "inconsistent" how, sir?

Morales: Inconsistent with what you had previously approved because you had approved these reports --

[redacted] Okay.

Morales: -- about a month before turning in this. In between that time, did you ever get any information that, hey, what you signed off on and what you write -- and what you wrote here that's not necessarily what exactly happened?

[redacted] No, sir, not that I recall.

Morales: At the end of this report that you wrote, the TC report, you recommended an investigation into the failure to safeguard Suspect [redacted] is that correct?

[redacted] So, sir, yes and no. And the reason is that I turned in this report and the final version is usually approved by the lieutenant, which he or the Operations can make changes and write certain statements. So I don't remember if I wrote that using another sample. Typically what happens, or if he put that or if Operations put that.

Morales: Could you have put that and you just don't remember?

[redacted] I just don't remember, sir. Yes.

Morales: How about the -- the statement that I said, "Deputy Vega provided care to Suspect [redacted] who was immediately transferred to another patrol vehicle and taken to a safe location." Did you write that?

[redacted] And, once again, sir, I could have wrote in that, but administrative reports get corrected or kicked back for corrections by the lieutenant or Operations and the risk-management people. So it's a lot -- it goes between a lot of hands at that time to finalize a report.

Morales: So are you saying that you don't know if you actually wrote that sentence verbatim as I just said it to you?

[redacted] Exactly, sir. I don't know.

Morales: When you turned in this report on May 12th, though, you did believe that's, in fact, what happened; is that correct?

[redacted] I believe he was medically treated, yes.

Morales: No, not medically treated. You believed -- what I'm asking you and I want to be clear about this. When you turned this report on May 12th, did you still think that a unit had come to the alley and picked up Mr. [redacted] before you got to the scene of the accident?

[redacted] That is correct, sir.

Morales: Because you said it took three to five minutes to get to the TC and when you got there, it was only Vega and Hernandez there. You didn't even know about Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] I did not know about -- in regarding relations to the TC, it was only Vega and Hernandez there --

Morales: Right.

[redacted] -- and, mind you, there was other deputies there taking -- in the yard searching --

Morales: Right.

[redacted] -- but in relation -- no Mr. [redacted] no civilian was there in the immediate area.

Morales: Did it ever -- I'm sorry, sir. Go ahead. Oh. Did it ever appear strange to you that when you got to the location, Mr. [redacted] was already gone. After you -- after you gained knowledge of Mr. [redacted] being in the back seat, did you ever reflect on it and find it strange that, hey, I got to that accident in about five minutes. Deputy Vega and Deputy Hernandez were there, but [redacted] is not there and they said another unit came and picked him up. Did that ever seem strange to you that you never saw a unit go there and you never saw Mr. [redacted] walking in the area?

[redacted] No, sir, because I don't know which way the unit came from to pick up Mr. [redacted] according to what the deputies told me. They could have came in from the east or the west and Mr. [redacted] at the end was closer to the west side, which is Mona and 130th, and I came in closer to the east entrance of that alley and the patrol vehicle was, like, 100 yards west of me when I initially drove by.

Morales: So there was two different ways that that patrol car could have entered from, hypothetically.

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: Did you ever, prior to your first interview with me on November 18th, gain any knowledge that Deputy Vega and Deputy Hernandez did not put Mr. [redacted] into the back seat of another vehicle in that alleyway?

[redacted] No.

Morales: Did you ever hear rumors about that?

[redacted] I did not. And clarifying other than when the LA Times article came out and people talked about.

Morales: When did that LA Times article come out?

[redacted] I recall it was after our investigation here that I believe it was brought up.

Morales: All right. My recollection.

Morales: Did anyone ever ask you for additional details on who that person that showed up in the alley may have been? And I'm talking deputy-wise, like, who that -- who that mystery deputy was and who showed up in the alley and took custody of Mr. [redacted] Did anybody ever ask you for additional details on who that person may have been?

[redacted] Not that I recall.

Cunningham: You're including the ICIB investigator?

Morales: I'm talking about Compton Station personnel.

Cunningham: Okay.

[redacted] Yeah, not that I recall.

Morales: Did you ever suspect that Mr. [redacted] had been released from the back seat of the car and -- and left the location prior to your arrival?

[redacted] No, I did not.

Morales: Anything so far?

Ferreras: I just -- as far as the traffic, the TC that Deputy Vega was in, was that ever put -- broadcast over the radio?

[redacted] You know what, sir? I never heard the traffic collision part myself.

Ferreras: On the radio?

[redacted] On the radio.

Ferreras: Okay.

[redacted] After -- and the station, they indicated that they did put a TC, but I don't remember hearing that.

Ferreras: So do you know how long it -- what was the timeframe by -- from them being in the traffic collision up until you showed up?

[redacted] I mean, I -- based on my recollection, I think it was at least three to five minutes.

Ferreras: Well, hold on --

[redacted] From the radio traffic.

Ferreras: -- okay. Cause you said it took you three to five minutes to walk to their location?

[redacted] So we drove there first, sir --

Ferreras: Yes.

[redacted] -- and it took me three to five minutes possibly to drive there by. Then when we parked, then I walked by -- walked over to make sure they were okay and that took me another possibly three, -- two, three, four, five minutes. I don't remember exactly how long it took me to get back to them.

Ferreras: I'm just trying to clarify how much time it could have approximately elapsed from their TC, their traffic collision, up until the time you actually saw it with your own eyes.

[redacted] Saw the collision?

Ferreras: Yeah.

[redacted] And saw that it was obviously a collision crash, right?

Ferreras: Yeah, cause you said you never heard it on the radio.

[redacted] I did not, sir.

[redacted] So when I first arrived, I saw the car sideways from the distance I was at and then I think they crashed. In my mind, but I could not see the actual damage right there and then from the distance. When I walked back and I was closer talking to them, now I was able to see from that angle that the wall was obviously collapsed and the car was involved in a TC.

Ferreras: Okay.

Morales: Have you had any contact with Deputy Vega or Deputy Hernandez after -- to this -- after your initial IAB investigation?

[redacted] No, not that I recall.

Morales: So when I first interviewed you last year, had you had any contact -- you haven't had any contact with Vega or Hernandez since then?

[redacted] That is correct.

Morales: Not by telephone? Have they attempted to reach out to you in any way?

[redacted] No, sir.

Morales: They haven't called you, E-mailed you, or texted you?

[redacted] No, sir.

Ferreras: Have they sent any messages through other people to you?

Magana: No, sir. I remember Hernandez sent me a message that was for the holidays. I'm not sure if it was Labor Day or Thanksgiving. Other than that, no, not that I recall.

Morales: What did he say in the message?

[redacted] I -- something happy holidays, Sarg? Or happy Thanksgiving or Labor Day. Whatever the -- it was, the message --

Morales: Okay.

[redacted] -- but other than that, no. And then no to your question, sir, that nobody's trying to get me a message through somebody else from them to me. No.

Morales: Before we finish, let's just briefly talk about the ICIB interview on April 7th, 2021. Where did that interview take place?

[redacted] Downey.

Morales: In Downey?

[redacted] It's the ICIB location.

Morales: So they're asking you some procedural questions for about 20 minutes or so and you had gave some statements about, you know, that your specific job duties and so forth. Then Sergeant Morris, who was the ICIB investigator, asked you, "Right. So when you got there, what do you do?" And they're getting there, we're talking about the traffic collision. Okay. So that's Page 17 of the transcript. Do you see that, sir?

[redacted] On what happened, sir?

Morales: So, like, let's start right here.

[redacted] Okay.

Morales: So -- so right here. So Morris asked you, okay. Then once you get -- once you get there what happened. And then can you just read that? This is you right here to refresh your memory.

[redacted] It says, "We began to attempt to fill the containment spot because a deputy indicated that he would set up the containment for Deputy Vega and began to ask for people to take spots on certain streets."

Morales: And for the record, Sergeant [redacted] reading his own transcript and stating his own words from Page 17 of that ICIB transcript. And then Sergeant Morris goes on to ask you, "When you get there, what did you do?" And at that time, your attorney, who was not Mr. Cunningham, but another attorney invoked your Fifth Amendment privilege to remain silent; is that correct?

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: And your attorney invoked on your behalf.

[redacted] That is correct.

Morales: And you didn't --. And you didn't stop your attorney from saying that; that was actually -- when you invoked -- when your attorney invoked, you were on board with that, right? She was invoking on your --

[redacted] Yes.

Morales: -- behalf.

Cunningham: No, no, Sarg, he is not gonna talk about any conversations he had with his attorney or any -- or any legal conclusion he reached as a result of talking to his attorney.

Morales: No, that's -- that's --

Cunningham: Any --

Morales: -- that's -- that's not what I meant. What I'm -- what I mean is I -- she was speaking for him and he was -- and he was in agreement that that's what he was actually doing, invoking. She was invoking on his behalf but he was in agreement that he's invoking his Fifth Amendment right. That's -- that's --

Cunningham: You're asking –

Morales: -- the nature of my question.

Cunningham: You're asking did he follow his lawyer's advice and agree to do that?

Morales: I didn't -- not advice. I'm just saying if that's what his intention was to plead the fifth, not asking about his lawyer's advice.

Cunningham: So you can answer the question, but this is very -- and just full disclosure so everybody knows and you'll know soon enough, we had filed or are filing a PROBAR violation allegation against the department in the ICIB interview that you're talking about now. And I've had extensive discussions with Mr. [redacted] So I'm very nervous about you talking about him invoking. He can answer the certain question. I think what you're saying, what you want to know is this just your lawyer or did you agree with your lawyer.

Morales: What --

Cunningham: And I think he can answer.

Morales: -- why don't I rephrase it a different way. Don't answer the -- why did you invoke -- I'll just ask you specifically, why did you invoke your Fifth Amendment privilege during that interview?

Cunningham: If it was under advice, that's all he needs to say.

[redacted] I'm actually afraid to answer because I was relieved of duty already for --

Cunningham: Mr. [redacted] Mr. [redacted]

Magana: Yes.

Cunningham: Mr. [redacted] if he has the right to ask you if it was under advice of counsel; that's about it. So was it under advice of counsel?

[redacted] Yes, it was.

Cunningham: And did you -- did you go along with counsel's recommendation?

[redacted] Yes.

Cunningham: Okay.

Morales: Good? Okay. If you gave a voluntary statement during that interview, did you feel you would be self-incriminating yourself?

Cunningham: Again, he's -- you're asking him questions that most certainly were discussed with his lawyer. I'm not sure where you're going with this.

Morales: I just want to know why he invoked his Fifth Amendment privilege after --

Cunningham: So let's go ahead. Let's add this to the charges you're investigating for. What you're now investigating -- because this has nothing to do with the report, nothing to do with his observations at the scene. Now what you're doing is you're investigating whether he -- whether he engaged in insubordination about refusing to give -- to give a voluntary statement to ICIB. If that's where we're going, that's fine you just need to supplement your charges because it certainly sounds like you're gonna be questioning him as to why he would invoke, implying that why would you invoke if you had nothing to hide. So if you want to ask him those questions, we're gonna -- and you need to amend your charges ton insubordination for failure to participate in an ICIB investigation, and I'm happy to get back on line with you after you serve me that -- that new notification, but we are going really far afoot here and this is becoming intimidating for Sergeant [redacted], as he told you he's at home now. They took his badge and gun away, gave that back to him. This is not the focus of the investigation and I want to make it clear I'm not gonna have him be insubordinate because he's not gonna answer the question. But I'm certainly gonna make a record of this, and I don't think you guys really want to go down this road. Knowing that I've already told you and the department that we are pursuing a PROBAR violation already for ICIB and any questions that he's asked as to why he didn't give a voluntary statement, to me, at least, seems punitive and would be a different investigation. Having said all that, Sergeant, if you need to ask him questions about this, do so at your own peril because I'm telling you exactly, being very transparent, exactly what's going on with the ICIB conduct towards Sergeant [redacted] And he's gotten plenty of legal advice from his prior so that I do not want him to disclose at this time.

Morales: Well, the -- going back to the allegation, the allegation includes that he provided false information. So what I need to know is if he provided false information or not. And if he's worried about -- if he's worried about a criminal aspect of that, we need to know that too.

Cunningham: That -- that is -- that is -- you wouldn't do that to a suspect. You asked him in the beginning is the information he provided in the interview with ICIB correct. He said "Yes." There you go. So you've already asked him is there false information in the interview. Now you're asking him what do you have to hide, sir? I mean, it's like -- it's like two detectives in -- in a room when a guy says he wants to see his lawyer and he invokes his Miranda rights. If you don't have anything to hide, why don't you talk to us. So that's crazy.

Ferreras: Well --

Cunningham: I wouldn't have either of you two be subjected to that.

Ferreras: Mr. Cunningham, first of all, he's -- his attorney is in the room so he's not really being subjected to questioning without his attorney. He was Lybargerred in regards to his rights. This is an IAB administrative investigation. I think we're -- I think this is getting a little bit confusing is that his -- the -- the actual investigation, like my partner said, is providing false information. So in regards to that what -- in regards to the traffic collision, did you provide any false information in regards to what you knew occurred with the traffic collision and Suspect [redacted]

[redacted] No, I did not.

Morales: In regards to the reports, did you provide any false information either what you wrote? Let me rephrase that. In the reports that you provided, did you provide any false information?

[redacted] No, I did not.

Ferreras: Did you withhold any information that you knew of in regards to the reports, the traffic collision or the Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] No, I did not.

Morales: Have you gained any information that would clarify if, in fact, somebody did transport Mr. [redacted] from that alleyway immediately following that TC?

[redacted] I don't understand. You're saying it from now or in general?

Morales: Now. Do you -- do you have it -- have you learned of anything that can clarify if somebody did or did not, in fact, transport Mr. [redacted] out of that alley?

[redacted] I have not. Not that I know of.

Ferreras: All right. Well, we're gonna go. That's it. Do you have anything that you'd like to add?

Cunningham: Can we go off the record?

Morales: Yes. We're gonna go ahead and end the interview. The time is approximately 13 --

Cunningham: You don't need to –

Ferreras: We're just gonna go off the record. He needs to talk to his client.

Morales: You want to pause to talk to your client before we go off record?

Cunningham: I would like to take a break. Thank you.

Morales: We'll take a break. The time is approximately 1:10 p.m.

Cunningham: My recorder is off.

Morales: Mine's not yet. Okay. This is Sergeant Morales. We're back on record. The time is 1322 hours. Sergeant [redacted] you had something you wanted to clarify?

[redacted] Yes. Just that when the LA Times article came out, like, in December that my recollection people talked about it around the station in general of what came out and so forth. I just want to make sure that that was out there. And then also in regards to with the lieutenant talking about this situation. Once we turned in this paperwork or he turned it in, at least --

Ferreras: Which lieutenant? I'm sorry.

[redacted] I'm sorry. Lieutenant Veloz.

Ferreras: Okay.

[redacted] Indicated obviously that Deputy Vega and Hernandez were looking at punishment for failing to safeguard a prisoner type information regarding the incident, but nothing other than substance of possible discipline for failure to safeguard prisoner.

Morales: So that was the nature of the follow-up investigation; that's what it should of have been. Is that what you're saying? The -- if there was any follow-up investigation for a unit level, it would have been regarding the safeguarding of Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] Yes. His indication was that it was gonna be a unit level regarding the seatbelt and the safeguarding of the prisoner.

Ferreras: At -- at -- at this point, you don't have any additional information in regards to whether Deputy Vega or Deputy -- and/or Deputy Hernandez allowed Mr. [redacted] just to walk away from the accident?

[redacted] No. No facts, sir.

Ferreras: Wait. Wait. You said, "No facts"? But do you have any information in regards to that?

[redacted] Well, sir, like I mentioned earlier, all we -- all we know is allegation is in LA Times. I have no information myself that indicates otherwise what the deputies told me.

Morales: And Deputy Vega and Deputy Hernandez never told you, hey, we actually let him go?

[redacted] They did not, no.

Ferreras: Okay.

Morales: All right?

Cunningham: Okay. That's all we have, fellas.

Morales: That will conclude the interview. The time is approximately 1324 hours.

EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT A

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ☒ MISDEMEANOR ☐ Traffic ☐ Nontraffic

NOTICE TO APPEAR T-170

AB 700256

Date of Violation	Time	☐ AM ☒ PM	Day of Week	Station/Agency
04/13/20	2:30	PM	S (M) T W T F S	CPT/LASD

Name (First, Middle, Last) [redacted] ☐ Owner's Responsibility (Veh. Code, § 40001)

Address [redacted]

City [redacted] ZIP Code ☐ Juvenile (Phone No.)

Driver Lic. No.	State	Class	Commercial	Age	Birth Date
[redacted]	CA	C	☐ Yes ☒ No	23	[redacted]

Sex	Hair	Eyes	Height	Weight	Race	POB/Other Description
M	BLK	BRN	5-05	140	H	CA

Veh. Lic. No. or VIN — State

Yr. of Veh. — Make — Model — Body Style — Color

Evidence of Financial Responsibility

☐ COMMERCIAL VEHICLE (Veh. Code, § 15210(b))

☐ HAZARDOUS MATERIAL (Veh. Code, § 353)

Registered Owner or Lessee ☐ Same as Driver

Address ☐ Same as Driver

City — State — ZIP Code

Correctable Violation (Veh. Code, § 40610) ☐ Booking Required

Yes	No	Code and Section / Description	Misdemeanor or Infraction (Circle)
☐		11550 HS UNDER THE INFLUENCE	(M) I
☐	☐	OF METHAMPHETAMINE	M I
☐	☐		M I
☐	☐		M I

Speed Approx.	P.F. Max Spd.	Veh. Lmt.	Safe	Radar	Laser	☐ Continuation Form Issued
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Location of Violation(s) at 123 N ROSE AV — City of Occurrence COMPTON

File No. / RD 920-04690-2822-349 ☐ Collision — Booking No. 5914949 — No. Passengers M Ø F Ø

☐ Violations not committed in my presence, declared on information and belief.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the foregoing is true and correct.

VEGA, M — Arresting or Citing Officer — Employee No. 44 — Vac Dates 0 to 0

4/13/20 — HERNANDEZ, C — Name of Arresting Officer, if different from Citing Officer — Employee No. [redacted]97 — Vac Dates 0 to 0

Date

WITHOUT ADMITTING GUILT, I PROMISE TO APPEAR AT THE TIME AND PLACE INDICATED BELOW.

X Signature (X) [signature]

WHEN: ON OR BEFORE THIS DATE: 09/18/20 Time: 0830 ☒ AM ☐ PM

WHAT TO DO: FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE.

WHERE:

[Name of court[s]] COMPTON COURT

[Section[s] or division[s], room no[s].] 200 W COMPTON BL

[Street address[es]] COMPTON CA 90220

[Phone No.]

☐ To be notified

AB700256 — *1900*

Judicial Council of California Form
Rev. 09-20-05 (Veh. Code, §§ 40500(b), 40513(b), 40522, Pen. Code, § 853.9)

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EXHIBIT B

A TRADITION OF SERVICE

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
INCIDENT REPORT

DATE 4-13-20 PAGE 1 OF 5

ACTION: X ACTIVE | INACTIVE | PENDING | NON CRIMINAL | # OF ADULT ARRESTS 1 | # OF SUBJECT DETENTIONS 0 | URN# 9 (RETENTION) 20 (YEAR) 04690 (SEQUENTIAL) 2822 (REPORTING DISTRICT) 183 (STAT CODE) | TAG# 170

CLASSIFICATION 1 / LEVEL / STAT CODE
UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE (STIMULANT) 11550(A)H&S/M/399

CLASSIFICATION 2 / LEVEL / STAT CODE

CLASSIFICATION 3 / LEVEL / STAT CODE

CLASSIFICATION 4 / LEVEL / STAT CODE

LARCIS Entered by: [initials] Date: 4.14
SCAN Entered by: [initials] Date: 4/14

ADDITIONAL STAT CODES: ASAP 1 | FIREARM RELATED | GANG RELATED | CYBER CRIME | CYBER RELATED CRIME | CYBER RELATED INCIDENT NON CRIMINAL | OTHER

DATE / TIME / DAY OF OCCURRENCE: 4-13-20, 1430 HRS, MONDAY
LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: 123 N. ROSE AV, COMPTON, CA 90220
PRINTS REQUESTED / PRINTS COMPLETED / BUSINESS NAME: /
REQUESTED BY / TIME: /

CODE: V - VICTIM • W - WITNESS • I - INFORMANT • R - REPORTING PARTY • P - PARTY

CODE: I 1 1 | LAST NAME: * OBS ARREST 2840 * | AGE: ADULT
RESIDENCE ADDRESS: DEPUTY SHERIFF, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.
BUSINESS / SCHOOL / GRADE ADDRESS: 301 S. WILLOWBROOK AVE | CITY: COMPTON | STATE: CA | ZIP: 90220 | BUSINESS PHONE: 310 603 6500
ENGLISH SPEAKING: X

CODE: /

CODE: S - SUSPECT • SJ - SUBJECT • M - PATIENT • S/V - SUSPECT / VICTIM • SJ V - SUBJECT / VICTIM

CODE: S 1 1 | NAME: [redacted] | DOB: [redacted] | AGE: 23 | DRIVER'S LICENSE: [redacted]
SEX: M | RACE: H | ETHNIC ORIGIN: - | HAIR: Blk | EYES: BRN | HEIGHT: 5'5 | WEIGHT: 140
RESIDENCE ADDRESS: [redacted]
AKA: - | EMAIL ADDRESS: - | MONIKER: - | CHARGE: 11550(A) H&S | BOOKING NUMBER: 5914949 | ENGLISH SPEAKING: X YES | WHERE DETAINED OR CITE NUMBER: AB700256

CODE: /

BY DEPUTY: VEGA, M | EMPLOYEE #: [redacted]4 | SWORN EXP IN YRS: 8 | DEPUTY: HERNANDEZ, C | EMPLOYEE #: [redacted]97 | SWORN EXP IN YRS | VACATION DATES: 12
STATION: COMPTON | UNIT / CAR #: 284D | SHIFT: PM | APPROVED: SGT. MACANO | EMPLOYEE #: [redacted]47 | DATE / TIME: 4-14-20, 0235
POD SUBMITTED? YES X | VACATION DATES: 0 | ASSIGNMENT: PATROL
HQ NOTIFICATION REQUESTED? DEPUTY: YES X NO | DATE / TIME | SPECIAL REQUEST DISTRIBUTION
SUSPECT / SUBJECT FILED RELEASE APPROVED BY | DATE / TIME | CRIME BROADCAST BY | DATE / TIME | SECURITY: 99 N3

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INCIDENT REPORT

A TRADITION OF SERVICE

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TAG # 170
DATE 4-13-20 PAGE 2 OF 5

VEHICLE	LICENSE, STATE & NUMBER	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY TYPE	COLOR
VEHICLE FOR VICTIM # / VEHICLE FOR SUSPECT #	REGISTERED OWNER	IDENTIFYING FEATURES				
STATUS: ☐ STOLEN ☐ DAMAGED ☐ EMBEZZLED ☐ STORED ☐ IMPOUNDED ☐ OUTSTANDING	CHP 180 SUBMITTED? ☐ YES ☐ NO	GARAGE NAME & PHONE				
DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGE						

VEHICLE	LICENSE, STATE & NUMBER	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY TYPE	COLOR
VEHICLE FOR VICTIM # / VEHICLE FOR SUSPECT #	REGISTERED OWNER	IDENTIFYING FEATURES				
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DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGE						

SCREENING FACTORS

X 1. SUSPECT IN CUSTODY
☐ 2. SUSPECT NAMED / KNOWN
☐ 3. UNIQUE SUSPECT IDENTIFIERS
☐ 4. VEHICLE IN CUSTODY
☐ 5. UNIQUE VEHICLE IDENTIFIERS
☐ 6. WRITER/REVIEWER DISCRETION

PROPERTY CODE:

S – STOLEN • R – RECOVERED • L – LOST • F – FOUND • E – EMBEZZLED • D – DAMAGED • K – SAFEKEEPING

(Will Combine Codes for example Property Stolen and Recovered Code is S R)

RELEASED TO

CODE	ITEM #	QUAN	DESCRIPTION (Include kind of article, trade name, identifying numbers, physical description, material, color, condition, age and present market value)	SERIAL #	VALUE

* SEE PAGE #3 *

While assigned to Compton Station Patrol (Unit 284D), my partner (Deputy Hernandez #[redacted]97) and I were conducting a patrol check of Wilson Park (123 North Rose Ave, Compton), when we observed two male Black adults (NFD) walking in the roadway. We contacted the two male black Adults at the sidewalk near the southeast corner of park just south of the skate park.

Our attention was drawn towards a male Hispanic, approximately 18-25 years old, wearing a gray shirt and blue jeans (hereinafter identified as Suspect [redacted]) who was within the crowd of individuals. S/[redacted] was screaming towards the other park patrons "fuck you, I will kick your ass." Believing a fight had just occurred, we maintained an observation of S/[redacted]

Suddenly without warning, S/[redacted] walked towards an opening in the skate parks wrought iron gate (South east corner) towards our patrol vehicle. As S[redacted] approached the gate opening, we observed him sweating profusely and his speech was rapid as he was muttering unknown words. We additionally noticed S/[redacted] was acting very erratic as began to yell "I'll fuck you up". S/[redacted] came closer to us (within 5 to 7 feet), and we saw he did not have a skateboard and he appeared to be grinding his teeth (bruxism).

Based on the above, coupled with our training and experience in the field of narcotics, S[redacted] displayed the signs and symptoms of an individual under the influence of a controlled substance (Stimulant), and was subsequently detained.

While detaining S[redacted], I began to conduct a pat down of his outer clothing for weapons prior to conducting Field Sobriety Tests. While conducting the pat down, I felt S/[redacted] was breathing heavily and appeared to have an elevated pulse. I additionally noticed his pupils appeared to be dilated to around 7.0mm (normal range 3.0mm to 6.5mm).

As we continued our investigation, the other group of individuals inside the park began walking towards our direction and began to yell at us to leave S[redacted] alone, as the crowd continued to advance in our direction and due to the large crowd (approximately 15-20 individuals), and fearing they would attempt to aid S[redacted] we quickly placed S[redacted] in the back seat of our car without handcuffing him or placing his seatbelt on.

As we drove away from the location, we saw the large crowd continue to move towards our patrol vehicle. We left the area in order to find a safe location to continue our investigation. While driving, I asked S[redacted] if he could place his seatbelt on, which he refused. I asked S[redacted] if he had taken any narcotics or medications prior to our contact with him, which he refused to answer. I asked S[redacted] for his name and date of birth, but S[redacted] refused to provide any identifying information, and did not possess and valid form of identification on his person. S[redacted] continued to be belligerent and stated he would not cooperate with the field sobriety tests. S[redacted] refused to answer any further questions and belligerently yelled "I'll fuck you up!"

Based on S[redacted] behavior and to prevent a use of force we decided to transport S[redacted] to Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF) to complete the Field Sobriety Tests and in order to positively identify him. Upon arrival to CRDF it was our intention to request a Field Supervisor to respond to our location prior to continuing our contact in order to prevent a use of force.

While driving northbound on Alameda Street near the intersection of 129th Street, Los Angeles, Deputy Vega was involved in a traffic collision. Deputy Vega requested for an assisting unit to respond to his location, and at that time he had S[redacted] exit the patrol vehicle. Deputy Vega quickly examined S[redacted] for obvious injuries, and asked him if he was hurt or injured. S[redacted] nodded his head no. S[redacted] was placed in a patrol unit of an assisting unit and detained until the arrival of Los Angeles County Fire Department Engine Paramedics.

Los Angeles County Fire Engine 41 under the direction of Captain Woods arrived and treated S[redacted] on scene. During the paramedics assessment of S[redacted] we observed an approximate ½ inch laceration to his right eyebrow area. Due to S[redacted] complaint of pain and injury we were unable to properly conduct our Field Sobriety Tests. S[redacted] was subsequently transported to Martin Luther King Community Hospital for further medical attention.

Deputy Schaper, N #[redacted]42 (Compton Unit 282D) responded to Martin Luther King Hospital along with Fire Engine 41. At Martin Luther King Hospital, S[redacted] was treated by Dr. Preston under Medical Record Number #[redacted]

Based on the Emergency Bail Schedule issued by Supervising Judge, Sam Ohta of the Criminal Superior Court Division of Los Angeles, S[redacted] was issued a citation and was released under citation AB700256. Deputy Schaper attempted to obtain a urine

sample from S[redacted] but he refused to provide one. For further information regarding Deputy Schaper's actions, refer to his supplemental report under the above file number.

It should be noted S[redacted] was also at the hospital awaiting for S[redacted] to be released after being treated.

For further information regarding the aforementioned traffic accident refer to the California Highway Patrol's (Officer [redacted] #[redacted]) traffic report, under file number 9530.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
CRIME ANALYSIS SUPPLEMENTAL FORM -- SUSPECT / SUBJECT INFORMATION

URN 920-04690-2822-399

BY DEP HERNANDEZ C

EMPLOYEE # [redacted]97

SUSPECT / SUBJECT # 1 NAME ALEGRIA, JESUS

SUSPECT / SUBJECT # ___ NAME ___

CLOTHING DESCRIPTION

ITEM TYPE	DESCRIPTION
SHIRT	SKY
PANTS	BLUE JEANS

ITEM TYPES
CAP / HAT
COAT / JACKET
DRESS / SKIRT
GLASSES
GLOVES
JEWELRY
PANTS
SHIRT / BLOUSE
SHOES
SHORTS
OTHER

CLOTHING DESCRIPTION

ITEM TYPE	DESCRIPTION

L	R	UNK	BODY PART	SCARS / MARKS / TATTOOS / ODDITIES

SUSPECTED GANG MEMBER NAME OF GANG

L	R	UNK	BODY PART	SCARS / MARKS / TATTOOS / ODDITIES

SUSPECTED GANG MEMBER NAME OF GANG

HAIR LENGTH
COLLAR
LONG
X SHORT
SHOULDER

HAIR TYPE
BALD
RECEDING
THICK
THINNING
WIG

HAIR STYLE
AFRO / NATURAL
BRAIDED / DREADLOCKS
BUSHY
BUTCH
COMBED BACK
CURLERS
CURLY
FLAT TOP
GREASY
JHERI CURL
MILITARY
NETS
PONY TAIL
PROCESSED
PUNK
X SHAVED
STRAIGHT
WAVY

COMPLEXION
ACNE / POCKED
ALBINO
DARK
FRECKLED
X LIGHT / FAIR
MEDIUM
PALE
RUDDY
SALLOW
TANNED
WEATHERED
WRINKLED

FACIAL HAIR
BEARD
CLEAN SHAVEN
FUZZ
GOATEE
LOWER LIP
MOUSTACHE
SIDE BURNS
X UNSHAVEN

TEETH
BROKEN / CHIPPED
BRACES
BUCK
CROOKED
DECAYED
FALSE
GAP / SPACE
GOLD CAP
JEWELED
MISSING
NONE
SILVER CAP
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SPEECH
ACCENT
DISGUISE
LISPS
MUMBLES
RAPID
RASPY
SLOW
SLURRED
STUTTER

HANDED
LEFT
RIGHT
BOTH

WEAPON
FIREARM
Style
MULTIPLE
BB / PELLET
HANDGUN
RIFLE
SAWED OFF
SHOTGUN
SIMULATED
ZIP GUN

Action
DERRINGER
FULLY AUTO
PUMP
REVOLVER
SEMI AUTO
SINGLE SHOT

Barrel Type
SINGLE BARREL
DOUBLE BARREL
THREE BARREL
4 OR MORE BARREL

Color / Finish:
BLUE STEEL
CHROME / NICKEL
DULL BLACK
RUSTED
STAINLESS STEEL

Grip / Stock
ALTERED
BONE / PEARL / IVORY
COLLAPSES / FOLDS
METAL / PLASTIC
NO GRIP
RUBBER / VINYL
TAPED
THUMB HOLE
WOOD

GAUGE

CALIBER

KNIFE
Style
MULTIPLE
BUCK
BUTCHER / KITCHEN
DIRK / DAGGER / STILETTO
HUNTING / BOWIE
SIMULATED
SWITCHBLADE
TOY

Blade
FIXED
FOLDING

CHEMICAL
CAUSTIC
INFECTIOUS
MACE
PEPPER SPRAY
SIMULATED
TEAR GAS
TOXIC

BLUNT INSTRUMENT
BASEBALL BAT
BILLY CLUB
BRASS KNUCKLES
BRICK / ROCK / BOTTLE
CLUB / BLUDGEON
HAMMER / TOOL
NUNCHAKUS
TIRE IRON

CUT / STAB
BAYONET / SWORD
BOTTLE / GLASS
ICE PICK
MACHETE
RAZOR
SCREWDRIVER
THROWING STARS

EXPLOSIVE / INCENDIARY
FIREWORKS
MOLOTOV COCKTAIL

OTHER WEAPON
BODILY FORCE
LIGATURE
SLING SHOT
SYRINGE
TASER / STUN GUN

RELATIONSHIP OF VICTIM TO SUSPECT
V# ___ V# ___ ACQUAINTANCE
V# ___ V# ___ BABYSITTEE (PERSONS WATCHED / BABY)
V# ___ V# ___ BOYFRIEND / GIRLFRIEND
V# ___ V# ___ CHILD
V# ___ V# ___ CHILD OF BOYFRIEND OR GIRLFRIEND
V# ___ V# ___ COMMON-LAW SPOUSE
V# ___ V# ___ EMPLOYEE
V# ___ V# ___ EMPLOYER
V# ___ V# ___ EX-SPOUSE
V# ___ V# ___ FRIEND
V# ___ V# ___ GRANDCHILD
V# ___ V# ___ GRANDPARENT
V# ___ V# ___ HOMOSEXUAL RELATIONSHIP
V# ___ V# ___ IN-LAW
V# ___ V# ___ NEIGHBOR
V# ___ V# ___ OTHER FAMILY MEMBER
V# ___ V# ___ OTHERWISE KNOWN
V# ___ V# ___ PARENT
V# ___ V# ___ RELATIONSHIP UNKNOWN
V# ___ V# ___ SIBLING (BROTHER OR SISTER)
V# ___ V# ___ SPOUSE
V# ___ V# ___ STEPCHILD
V# ___ V# ___ STEPPARENT
V# ___ V# ___ STEPSIBLING (STEPBROTHER OR STEPSISTER)
V# ___ V# ___ VICTIM WAS OFFENDER
V# ___ V# ___ VICTIM WAS STRANGER

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- AIRPORT
- BEACH / OCEAN
- COMMERCIAL
- CONSTRUCTION SITE
- DESERT
- DRIVEWAY
- FREEWAY / HIGHWAY
- GOLF COURSE
- HARBOR
- INDUSTRIAL / WHOLESALE
- MOUNTAINS / FOOTHILLS
- **X** PARK
- RESIDENTIAL
- RIVER
- RURAL / ISOLATED
- SCHOOL GROUNDS
- SHOPPING CENTER
- SIDEWALK
- STREET / ALLEY
- TRAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY / TRACKS
- VACANT LOT / OPEN FIELD
- WATER / LAKE

STRUCTURE: RESIDENTIAL
- APARTMENT
- CONDOMINIUM / TOWNHOUSE
- CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL
- DUPLEX
- MOBILE HOME
- SINGLE FAMILY
- VACANT
- VESSEL / BOAT

STRUCTURE: NON - RESIDENTIAL
- BANK / FINANCE
- BAR
- BUSINESS OFFICE
- CARGO CONTAINER
- CATERING TRUCK
- ENTERTAINMENT / RECREATION
- FAST FOOD
- GAS STATION
- HOSPITAL
- HOTEL / MOTEL
- INDUSTRIAL / MANUFACTURING / WAREHOUSE
- JAIL / PRISON
- JEWELRY / COIN / PAWN
- LIQUOR
- MARKET
- MINI MART
- NURSING FACILITY
- PARKING LOT / STRUCTURE
- PASSENGER STATION / PLATFORM / PAX
- PHARMACY / MEDICAL / DENTAL
- PUBLIC BUILDING
- RELIGIOUS BUILDING
- RESTAURANT
- RETAIL GOODS
- RETAIL SERVICE / REPAIR
- SCHOOL
- STORAGE / RENTAL
- TRAIN - FREIGHT
- TRAIN - PASSENGER - LIGHT RAIL
- TRAIN - PASSENGER - HEAVY RAIL
- VACANT
- VEHICLE - COMMERCIAL
- VESSEL / BOAT
- VIDEO / MUSIC

TARGET: RESIDENTIAL
- ATTIC
- BEDROOM
- DINING ROOM
- GARAGE / PARKING AREA
- HALLWAY
- KITCHEN
- LAUNDRY ROOM
- LIVING / FAMILY ROOM
- MAIL BOX
- PATIO / PORCH
- SAFE / BOX
- STORAGE / SHED
- STABLES / TACK ROOM
- VEHICLE

TARGET: NON - RESIDENTIAL
- AUTOMATED TELLER
- CASH REGISTER / DRAWER
- CLASSROOM / SUPPLIES
- COIN OP MACHINE
- DISPLAY ITEMS
- OFFICE
- SAFE / BOX
- SNACK BAR
- STORAGE LOCKER
- VEHICLE
- VESSEL
- BICYCLIST
- CUSTOMER
- ELDER / SENIOR CITIZEN
- DISABLED PERSON
- OWNER / EMPLOYEE
- PEDESTRIAN
- HOMELESS
- VICTIM IN VEHICLE

POINT OF ENTRY / EXIT
IN EX
- FRONT
- REAR
- SIDE
- GROUND LEVEL
- UPPER LEVEL
- ADJACENT BUILDING
- BASEMENT
- DOOR / SCREEN
- DUCT / VENT
- FENCE / GATE
- FIREPLACE
- FLOOR
- GARAGE
- GLASS DOOR
- HOUSE BEING FUMIGATED
- LOUVRE
- MAIL SLOT
- PET DOOR
- ROOF / SKYLIGHT
- SLIDING GLASS DOOR
- WALL
- WINDOW / SCREEN

VEHICLE ENTRY / EXIT
IN EX
- CAMPER / SHELL / MOTORHOME
- CONVERTIBLE
- DOOR
- DRIVER SIDE
- HOOD
- PASSENGER SIDE
- SUNROOF
- TRUCK BED
- TRUNK
- WINDOW
- WINDWING

METHOD OF ENTRY
- ATTEMPT ONLY
- BODILY FORCE
- CUT
- HID IN BUILDING
- KICKED
- KNOB TWIST
- LET IN / RUSE
- LOCK BOX
- LOCK CUT / BROKEN
- LOCK PUNCHED
- LOCK SLIP / KEY / PICK
- NO FORCE
- OPEN FOR BUSINESS
- OPEN / UNLOCKED
- PHONE
- PRIED
- REMOVED
- SMASHED
- TUNNELED
- UNBOLTED GATE

METHOD OF ENTRY: TOOLS USED
- BODILY FORCE
- BOLT CUTTER
- BRICK / ROCK
- CHANNEL LOCK / PLIERS
- CUTTING INSTRUMENT
- ELECTRONIC DEVICE
- GLASS CUTTER
- KEY
- PRY TOOL
- SAW / BURN / DRILL
- SLIDE HAMMER
- SLIP DEVICE
- VEHICLE

SECURITY SYSTEM
- NONE
- AUDIBLE ALARM
- CAMERA
- CRIME WATCH
- DOG
- FENCE / BARS
- GUARD SERVICE
- OPERATION ID
- OUTSIDE LIGHTING
- SECURITY SIGN / STICKER
- SILENT ALARM
- SPECIAL LOCKS / DEADBOLT
- WINDOW BARS

SUSPECT ACTIONS
- ATE / DRANK ON PREMISES
- CASED LOCATION
- COSTUME / DISGUISE WORN
- DEFECATED / URINATED
- DEMAND NOTE USED
- DEMANDED DRUGS / MONEY / ETC
- DISABLED PHONE
- DISABLED POWER
- DISABLED SECURITY SYSTEM
- DISABLED VEHICLE
- EXCESSIVE FORCE
- FIRED WEAPON
- FONDLED SELF
- GRAFFITI
- HID IN BUILDING
- IGNITION PUNCHED
- JUMPED THE COUNTER
- KNEW LOCATION OF HIDDEN CASH
- MASK WORN
- MASTERBATED / EJACULATED
- PHOTOGRAPHED / VIDEOTAPED
- PILLOWCASE TAKEN / USED
- POLICE SCANNER USED
- RANSACKED
- RECORDED / LOGGED EVENTS
- RIPPED / CUT CLOTHING
- SELECTIVE PROPERTY TAKEN
- SMOKED
- TAKEOVER
- TOOK CONCEALABLES
- USED MULTIPLE WEAPONS
- VEHICLE USED TO REMOVE PROPERTY
- VANDALIZED
- VICTIM'S NAME USED
- VICTIM'S TOOLS USED
- WASHED CLOTHING / BEDDING
- WIPED SCENE AFTER CRIME

SUSPECT WAS / HAD
- ALCOHOL ON BREATH
- ANGRY
- APOLOGETIC
- BAD BREATH
- BODY ODOR / UNUSUAL ODOR
- GANG - RELATED
- HOMELESS
- INTIMIDATED / COERCED
- NEVER SPOKE / QUIET
- POLITE / KIND
- PROFANITY
- QUOTES / UNUSUAL
- RAGE
- TRUST VIOLATION
- **X** UNDER INFLUENCE

SUSPECT PRETENDED TO BE:
- BUSINESS PERSON
- CONVERSATION / BEFRIENDED
- CUSTOMER
- DELIVERY PERSON
- FAMILY MEMBER
- FIND MONEY
- HANDICAPPED
- HOMELESS
- LEND ASSISTANCE
- NEED ASSISTANCE OR EMERGENCY
- NEED TOILET / PHONE / WATER
- OFFERED GOODS / SERVICES
- POLICE / SECURITY
- POSITION OF TRUST
- REPAIR PERSON
- SALES PERSON
- SEEK EMPLOYMENT
- SOLICIT DONATIONS
- UTILITY EMPLOYEE

VICTIM WAS:
- ASKED TO POSE / MODEL
- BLINDFOLDED
- BOUND / GAGGED
- BURNED
- CUT / STABBED
- DISTRACTED
- DRUGGED / SEDATED
- EXPLOITED
- FACE COVERED
- FOLLOWED
- FONDLED
- FORCED TO DISROBE
- FORCED TO FONDLE SUSPECT
- FORCED TO LIE ON FLOOR
- FORCED TO MASTURBATE
- FORCED TO MOVE
- FORCED TO ORALLY COPULATE SUSPECT
- GANG RELATED
- HANDCUFFED
- HOMELESS
- INJURED / HIT
- LOCKED IN
- MADE TO COUNT
- PINCHED
- PISTOL WHIPPED
- SHOT
- SLAPPED
- THREATENED
- TORTURED / MUTILATED

BIAS - MOTIVATED INCIDENT

RACIAL
- ANTI - WHITE
- ANTI - BLACK
- ANTI - AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE
- ANTI - ASIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER
- ANTI - MULTIRACIAL GROUP

RELIGIOUS
- ANTI - JEWISH
- ANTI - CATHOLIC
- ANTI - PROTESTANT
- ANTI - ISLAMIC (MUSLIM)
- ANTI - OTHER RELIGION
- ANTI - MULTIRELIGIOUS GROUP
- ANTI - ATHEISM / AGNOSTICISM

ETHNICITY / NATIONAL ORIGIN
- ANTI - HISPANIC
- ANTI - OTHER ETHNICITY / NATIONAL ORIGIN

SEXUAL
- ANTI - MALE HOMOSEXUAL (GAY)
- ANTI - FEMALE HOMOSEXUAL (LESBIAN)
- ANTI - HOMOSEXUAL (GAYS & LESBIANS)
- ANTI - HETEROSEXUAL
- ANTI - BISEXUAL

GENDER
- ANTI - MALE
- ANTI - FEMALE
- ANTI - TRANSGENDER

DISABILITY
- ANTI - MENTAL DISABILITY
- ANTI - PHYSICAL DISABILITY

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INCIDENT REPORT

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ACTION: ACTIVE / INACTIVE / NON-CRIMINAL / PENDING — # OF ADULT ARRESTS: 0 — # OF SUBJECT DETENTIONS: 0

URN#: 9 (RETENTION) 20 (YEAR) 04687 (SEQUENTIAL) 2820 (REPORTING DISTRICT) 151 (STAT CODE) — TAG#: T-171

CLASSIFICATION 1 / LEVEL / STAT CODE: Illegal Possession of a Firearm 25850(a) PC / F / 151

CLASSIFICATION 2 / LEVEL / STAT CODE:

CLASSIFICATION 3 / LEVEL / STAT CODE:

CLASSIFICATION 4 / LEVEL / STAT CODE:

LARCIS Entered by: [initials] Date: 04/20/20
SCAN Entered by: [initials] Date: 04/20/20

ADDITIONAL STAT CODES: ASAP / 83; X FIREARM RELATED / 830; GANG RELATED / 860; CYBER CRIME / 551; CYBER - RELATED CRIME / 552; CYBER - RELATED INCIDENT (NON - CRIMINAL) / 553; OTHER

DATE / TIME / DAY OF OCCURRENCE: 4-13-20 / 1444 HRS / MONDAY

PRINTS REQUESTED / PRINTS COMPLETED / REQUESTED BY / TIME

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: 129TH ST / ALAMEDA ST, COMPTON

BUSINESS NAME:

CODE: V - VICTIM · W - WITNESS · I - INFORMANT · R - REPORTING PARTY · P - PARTY

CODE	# of	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	SEX	RACE	DOB	AGE	DRIVER'S LICENSE / STATE ID
I	1 1	CERTIFICATION	284D						

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: L.A. COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF — CITY — STATE — ZIP — RESIDENCE PHONE (Area Code)

BUSINESS / SCHOOL / GRADE / ADDRESS: 301 S. WILLOWBROOK AV — CITY: COMPTON — STATE: CA — ZIP: 90220 — BUSINESS PHONE (Area Code): (310)605-6500

ETHNIC ORIGIN — EMAIL ADDRESS — SOCIAL NETWORKING ACCOUNT — CELL PHONE (Area Code)

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CODE	# of	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	SEX	RACE	DOB	AGE	DRIVER'S LICENSE / STATE ID
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CODE: S - SUSPECT · SJ - SUBJECT · M - PATIENT · S/V - SUSPECT / VICTIM · SJ / V - SUBJECT / VICTIM

CODE	# of	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	DOB	AGE	DRIVER'S LICENSE / STATE ID
S	1 1	UNKNOWN					

SEX: M — RACE: H — ETHNIC ORIGIN — HAIR — EYES — HEIGHT — WEIGHT — CELL PHONE (Area Code)

RESIDENCE ADDRESS — CITY — STATE — ZIP — RESIDENCE PHONE (Area Code)

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AKA — EMAIL ADDRESS — SOCIAL NETWORKING ACCOUNT — ENGLISH SPEAKING? YES / NO — LANGUAGE

MONIKER — CHARGE — BOOKING NUMBER — WHERE DETAINED OR CITE NUMBER

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BY DEPUTY: VEGA [redacted] — SWORN EXP IN YRS: 7 — DEPUTY: HERNANDEZ [redacted] — EMPLOYEE # — SWORN EXP IN YRS: 1 — VACATION DATES: —

STATION: COMPTON — UNIT / CAR #: 284D — SHIFT: EM — APPROVED: SGT. MAGANA — EMPLOYEE #: [redacted]13 — DATE / TIME: 4-14-20, 0235

FCC SUBMITTED? YES X NO — VACATION DATES: — — ASSIGNMENT: 08

HQ NOTIFICATION REQUESTED? DEPUTY — DATE / TIME — SPECIAL REQUEST DISTRIBUTION — YES / NO

SUSPECT / SUBJECT FIELD RELEASE APPROVED BY — DATE / TIME — CRIME BROADCAST BY — DATE / TIME — SECRETARY: GM 08

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VEHICLE	LICENSE (STATE & NUMBER)	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY TYPE	COLOR
VEHICLE FOR VICTIM # / VEHICLE FOR SUSPECT # Ø	REGISTERED OWNER	IDENTIFYING FEATURES				
STATUS ☐ STOLEN ☐ STORED ☐ DAMAGED ☐ IMPOUNDED ☐ EMBEZZLED ☐ OUTSTANDING	CHP 180 SUBMITTED? ☐ YES ☐ NO	GARAGE NAME & PHONE				
DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGE						

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VEHICLE FOR VICTIM # / VEHICLE FOR SUSPECT #	REGISTERED OWNER	IDENTIFYING FEATURES				
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DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGE						

SCREENING FACTORS

1. SUSPECT IN CUSTODY
2. SUSPECT NAMED / KNOWN
3. UNIQUE SUSPECT IDENTIFIERS
4. VEHICLE IN CUSTODY
5. UNIQUE VEHICLE IDENTIFIERS
6. WRITER/REVIEWER DISCRETION ✓

PROPERTY CODE:

S – STOLEN • R – RECOVERED • L – LOST • F – FOUND • E – EMBEZZLED • D – DAMAGED • K – SAFEKEEPING
Use all applicable Codes for example if property is both Stolen and Recovered, Code is S/R)

RELEASED TO

CODE	ITEM #	QUAN.	DESCRIPTION (Include kind of article, trade name, identifying numbers, physical description, material, color, condition, age and present market value)	SERIAL #	VALUE

While assigned as Compton 284D, we were traveling northbound on Alameda Street towards Century Reginal Detention Facility (CRDF) in order to positively identify a suspect (Mr. [redacted]) from an arrest that we just made (for further information see report under file number 920-04690-2822-399).

While approaching Alameda Street and 129th Street, we observed a male Hispanic adult (approximately 18 years old, thin build, black hair, wearing a grey shirt, blue jeans; hereinafter referred to as the suspect) riding a bicycle eastbound on 129th Street, just west of Alameda Street in the middle street (violation of 21200 CVC).

The suspect was riding his bicycle along with two other male Hispanics who were on foot. The suspect looked in our direction and immediately grasped the right side of his waistband area, supporting a bulge on the right side of his waistband, consistent with an individual concealing a firearm on their person. The suspect along with the two other males immediately turned around and began to travel westbound on 129th street.

Furthermore, the area is a known area for the following criminal street gangs:

- "Compton Varrio Largo".
- "Compton Varrio 124th Street".
- "Santana Block Compton Crip".

Believing the suspect along with the two other male Hispanics possibly committed a crime, coupled with our training and experience in the field of Street Gangs in the area of 129th Street and Alameda Street being a known area for violent gang related crime, we attempted to detain the suspect and the two other males to conduct possession of a firearm investigation.

As we turned westbound onto 129th Street, the suspect immediately rode his bicycle south through the north/south alley, just south of 129th Street and west of Alameda Street. Deputy Hernandez #[redacted]97 and I quickly formulated a plan to contain the suspect. Deputy Hernandez exited the

vehicle along 129th Street and took a position along 129th Street and the mouth of the alley, in order to contain the suspect.

The suspect continued southbound in the north/South alley, then proceeded westbound along the east/west alley between 129th Street and 130th Street. While traveling westbound I observed the suspect grab a black semi-automatic firearm from his right waistband area. and threw it with his right hand over his body and into the rear yard of an unknown property along the south side of the alley (which are located along the north side of 130th Street). I continued following in my vehicle at approximately 25 MPH after the suspect who was approximately 25-30 yards west of me on his bicycle.

I immediately requested the duplex patch in order to advise patrol units of the armed suspect. As I continued westbound through the alley. I was attempting to maintain observation of the suspect. As I continued westbound I saw a black BMW (2007 528i CA Plate [redacted]) parked along the south wall of the alley. I steered my patrol vehicle towards the Northside of the alley in an attempt to drive between the parked unoccupied vehicle and the north property lines. At this time I felt my front right tire grasp along the north block wall which caused the vehicle to begin to turn into the north wall of the alley. As my vehicle began to lose control and collided with the block wall, my vehicle's rear spun forward, colliding with the parked BMW. I exited the vehicle and continued to advise patrol units of the incident. A containment was established. While assisting units were setting up the containment, I transferred Mr. [redacted] to another patrol vehicle. K-9 Deputies responded to the scene.

It was determined that the suspect was not located inside of the containment. We were unable to locate the firearm the suspect discarded.

California Highway Patrol Officer [redacted] responded to the scene of the traffic collision. For further on his traffic collision investigation see CHP report under report number #9530.

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BY DEP Vega

EMPLOYEE # [redacted]14

SUSPECT / SUBJECT # 1 NAME Unknown

SUSPECT / SUBJECT # ___ NAME ___

CLOTHING DESCRIPTION	
ITEM TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Shirt	Gray Short Sleeve
Pants	Blue Jeans

ITEM TYPES: CAP / HAT, COAT / JACKET, DRESS / SKIRT, GLASSES, GLOVES, JEWELRY, PANTS, SHIRT / BLOUSE, SHOES, SHORTS, OTHER

CLOTHING DESCRIPTION	
ITEM TYPE	DESCRIPTION

L R UNK	BODY PART	SCARS / MARKS / TATTOOS / ODDITIES
		Unknown

L R UNK	BODY PART	SCARS / MARKS / TATTOOS / ODDITIES

SUSPECTED GANG MEMBER ___ NAME OF GANG ___

SUSPECTED GANG MEMBER ___ NAME OF GANG ___

HAIR LENGTH
- COLLAR
- LONG
- ✓ SHORT
- SHOULDER

HAIR TYPE
- BALD
- RECEDING
- ✓ THICK
- THINNING
- WIG

HAIR STYLE
- AFRO / NATURAL
- BRAIDED / DREDLOCKS
- BUSHY
- BUTCH
- COMBED BACK
- CURLERS
- CURLY
- FLAT TOP
- GREASY
- JHERI CURL
- MILITARY
- NETS
- PONY TAIL
- PROCESSED
- PUNK
- SHAVED
- ✓ STRAIGHT
- WAVY

COMPLEXION
- ACNE / POCKED
- ALBINO
- DARK
- FRECKLED
- ✓ LIGHT / FAIR
- MEDIUM
- PALE
- RUDDY
- SALLOW
- TANNED
- WEATHERED
- WRINKLED

FACIAL HAIR
- BEARD
- ✓ CLEAN SHAVEN
- FUZZ
- GOATEE
- LOWER LIP
- MOUSTACHE
- SIDE BURNS
- UNSHAVEN

TEETH
- BROKEN / CHIPPED
- BRACES
- BUCK
- CROOKED
- DECAYED
- FALSE
- GAP / SPACE
- GOLD CAP
- JEWELED
- MISSING
- NONE
- SILVER CAP
- ✓ STAINED

SPEECH
- ACCENT
- DISGUISE
- LISPS
- MUMBLES
- RAPID
- RASPY
- SLOW
- SLURRED
- STUTTER

HANDED
- LEFT
- RIGHT
- BOTH

WEAPON
FIREARM
Style:
- MULTIPLE
- BB / PELLET
- ✓ HANDGUN
- RIFLE
- SAWED-OFF
- SHOTGUN
- SIMULATED
- ZIP GUN

Action:
- DERRINGER
- FULLY AUTO
- PUMP
- REVOLVER
- ✓ SEMI AUTO
- SINGLE SHOT

Barrel Type:
- ✓ SINGLE BARREL
- DOUBLE BARREL
- THREE BARREL
- 4 OR MORE BARREL

Color / Finish:
- BLUE STEEL
- CHROME / NICKEL
- ✓ DULL BLACK
- RUSTED
- STAINLESS STEEL

Grip / Stock:
- ALTERED
- BONE / PEARL / IVORY
- COLLAPSES / FOLDS
- ✓ METAL / PLASTIC
- NO GRIP
- RUBBER / VINYL
- TAPED
- THUMB HOLE
- WOOD

GAUGE ___

CALIBER ___

KNIFE
Style:
- MULTIPLE
- BUCK
- BUTCHER / KITCHEN
- DIRK / DAGGER / STILETTO
- HUNTING / BOWIE
- SIMULATED
- SWITCHBLADE
- TOY

Blade:
- FIXED
- FOLDING

CHEMICAL
- CAUSTIC
- INFECTIOUS
- MACE
- PEPPER SPRAY
- SIMULATED
- TEAR GAS
- TOXIC

BLUNT INSTRUMENT
- BASEBALL BAT
- BILLY CLUB
- BRASS KNUCKLES
- BRICK / ROCK / BOTTLE
- CLUB / BLUDGEON
- HAMMER / TOOL
- NUNCHAKUS
- TIRE IRON

CUT / STAB
- BAYONET / SWORD
- BOTTLE / GLASS
- ICE PICK
- MACHETE
- RAZOR
- SCREWDRIVER
- THROWING STARS

EXPLOSIVE / INCENDIARY
- FIREWORKS
- MOLOTOV COCKTAIL

OTHER WEAPON
- BODILY FORCE
- LIGATURE
- SLING SHOT
- SYRINGE
- TASER / STUN GUN

RELATIONSHIP OF VICTIM TO SUSPECT:
- V# ___ V# ___ ACQUAINTANCE
- V# ___ V# ___ BABYSITTEE (PERSONS WATCHED / BABY)
- V# ___ V# ___ BOYFRIEND / GIRLFRIEND
- V# ___ V# ___ CHILD
- V# ___ V# ___ CHILD OF BOYFRIEND OR GIRLFRIEND
- V# ___ V# ___ COMMON - LAW SPOUSE
- V# ___ V# ___ EMPLOYEE
- V# ___ V# ___ EMPLOYER
- V# ___ V# ___ EX - SPOUSE
- V# ___ V# ___ FRIEND
- V# ___ V# ___ GRANDCHILD
- V# ___ V# ___ GRANDPARENT
- V# ___ V# ___ HOMOSEXUAL RELATIONSHIP
- V# ___ V# ___ IN - LAW
- V# ___ V# ___ NEIGHBOR
- V# ___ V# ___ OTHER FAMILY MEMBER
- V# ___ V# ___ OTHERWISE KNOWN
- V# ___ V# ___ PARENT
- V# ___ V# ___ RELATIONSHIP UNKNOWN
- V# ___ V# ___ SIBLING (BROTHER OR SISTER)
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MARKET
MINI MART
NURSING FACILITY
PARKING LOT / STRUCTURE
PASSENGER STATION / PLATFORM (PAX)
PHARMACY / MEDICAL / DENTAL
PUBLIC BUILDING
RELIGIOUS BUILDING
RESTAURANT
RETAIL GOODS
RETAIL SERVICE / REPAIR
SCHOOL
STORAGE / RENTAL
TRAIN - FREIGHT
TRAIN - PASSENGER - LIGHT RAIL
TRAIN - PASSENGER - HEAVY RAIL
VACANT
VEHICLE - COMMERCIAL
VESSEL / BOAT
VIDEO / MUSIC

TARGET: RESIDENTIAL
ATTIC
BEDROOM
DINING ROOM
GARAGE / PARKING AREA
HALLWAY
KITCHEN
LAUNDRY ROOM
LIVING / FAMILY ROOM
MAIL BOX
PATIO / PORCH
SAFE / BOX
STORAGE / SHED
STABLES / TACK ROOM
VEHICLE

TARGET: NON - RESIDENTIAL
AUTOMATED TELLER
CASH REGISTER / DRAWER
CLASSROOM / SUPPLIES
COIN OP MACHINE
DISPLAY ITEMS
OFFICE
SAFE / BOX
SNACK BAR
STORAGE LOCKER
VEHICLE
VESSEL
BICYCLIST
CUSTOMER
ELDER / SENIOR CITIZEN
DISABLED PERSON
OWNER / EMPLOYEE
PEDESTRIAN
HOMELESS
VICTIM IN VEHICLE

POINT OF ENTRY / EXIT
IN EX
FRONT
REAR
SIDE
GROUND LEVEL
UPPER LEVEL
ADJACENT BUILDING
BASEMENT
DOOR / SCREEN
DUCT / VENT
FENCE / GATE
FIREPLACE
FLOOR
GARAGE
GLASS DOOR
HOUSE BEING FUMIGATED
LOUVRE
MAIL SLOT
PET DOOR
ROOF / SKYLIGHT
SLIDING GLASS DOOR
WALL
WINDOW / SCREEN

VEHICLE ENTRY / EXIT
IN EX
CAMPER / SHELL / MOTORHOME
CONVERTIBLE
DOOR
DRIVER SIDE
HOOD
PASSENGER SIDE
SUNROOF
TRUCK BED
TRUNK
WINDOW
WINDWING

METHOD OF ENTRY
ATTEMPT ONLY
BODILY FORCE
CUT
HID IN BUILDING
KICKED
KNOB TWIST
LET IN / RUSE
LOCK BOX
LOCK CUT / BROKEN
LOCK PUNCHED
LOCK SLIP / KEY / PICK
NO FORCE
OPEN FOR BUSINESS
OPEN / UNLOCKED
PHONE
PRIED
REMOVED
SMASHED
TUNNELED
UNBOLTED GATE

METHOD OF ENTRY: TOOLS USED
BODILY FORCE
BOLT CUTTER
BRICK / ROCK
CHANNEL LOCK / PLIERS
CUTTING INSTRUMENT
ELECTRONIC DEVICE
GLASS CUTTER
KEY
PRY TOOL
SAW / BURN / DRILL
SLIDE HAMMER
SLIP DEVICE
VEHICLE

SECURITY SYSTEM
NONE
AUDIBLE ALARM
CAMERA
CRIME WATCH
DOG
FENCE / BARS
GUARD SERVICE
OPERATION ID
OUTSIDE LIGHTING
SECURITY SIGN / STICKER
SILENT ALARM
SPECIAL LOCKS / DEADBOLT
WINDOW BARS

SUSPECT ACTIONS
ATE / DRANK ON PREMISES
CASED LOCATION
COSTUME / DISGUISE WORN
DEFECATED / URINATED
DEMAND NOTE USED
DEMANDED DRUGS / MONEY ETC
DISABLED PHONE
DISABLED POWER
DISABLED SECURITY SYSTEM
DISABLED VEHICLE
EXCESSIVE FORCE
FIRED WEAPON
FONDLED SELF
GRAFFITI
HID IN BUILDING
IGNITION PUNCHED
JUMPED THE COUNTER
KNEW LOCATION OF HIDDEN CASH
MASK WORN
MASTERBATED / EJACULATED
PHOTOGRAPHED / VIDEOTAPED
PILLOWCASE TAKEN / USED
POLICE SCANNER USED
RANSACKED
RECORDED / LOGGED EVENTS
RIPPED / CUT CLOTHING
SELECTIVE PROPERTY TAKEN
SMOKED
TAKEOVER
TOOK CONCEALABLES
USED MULTIPLE WEAPONS
VEHICLE USED TO REMOVE PROPERTY
VANDALIZED
VICTIM'S NAME USED
VICTIM'S TOOLS USED
WASHED CLOTHING / BEDDING
WIPED SCENE AFTER CRIME

SUSPECT WAS / HAD:
ALCOHOL ON BREATH
ANGRY
APOLOGETIC
BAD BREATH
BODY ODOR / UNUSUAL ODOR
GANG - RELATED
HOMELESS
INTIMIDATED / COERCED
NEVER SPOKE / QUIET
POLITE / KIND
PROFANITY
QUOTES, UNUSUAL
RAGE
TRUST VIOLATION
UNDER INFLUENCE

SUSPECT PRETENDED TO BE:
BUSINESS PERSON
CONVERSATION / BEFRIENDED
CUSTOMER
DELIVERY PERSON
FAMILY MEMBER
FIND MONEY
HANDICAPPED
HOMELESS
LEND ASSISTANCE
NEED ASSISTANCE OR EMERGENCY
NEED TOILET / PHONE / WATER
OFFERED GOODS / SERVICES
POLICE / SECURITY
POSITION OF TRUST
REPAIR PERSON
SALES PERSON
SEEK EMPLOYMENT
SOLICIT DONATIONS
UTILITY EMPLOYEE

VICTIM WAS:
ASKED TO POSE / MODEL
BLINDFOLDED
BOUND / GAGGED
BURNED
CUT / STABBED
DISTRACTED
DRUGGED / SEDATED
EXPLOITED
FACE COVERED
FOLLOWED
FONDLED
FORCED TO DISROBE
FORCED TO FONDLE SUSPECT
FORCED TO LIE ON FLOOR
FORCED TO MASTURBATE
FORCED TO MOVE
FORCED TO ORALLY COPULATE SUSPECT
GANG RELATED
HANDCUFFED
HOMELESS
INJURED / HIT
LOCKED IN
MADE TO COUNT
PINCHED
PISTOL WHIPPED
SHOT
SLAPPED
THREATENED
TORTURED / MUTILATED

BIAS - MOTIVATED INCIDENT:
RACIAL
ANTI - WHITE
ANTI - BLACK
ANTI - AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE
ANTI - ASIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER
ANTI - MULTIRACIAL GROUP

RELIGIOUS
ANTI - JEWISH
ANTI - CATHOLIC
ANTI - PROTESTANT
ANTI - ISLAMIC (MUSLIM)
ANTI - OTHER RELIGION
ANTI - MULTIRELIGIOUS GROUP
ANTI - ATHEISM /AGNOSTICISM

ETHNICITY / NATIONAL ORIGIN
ANTI - HISPANIC
ANTI - OTHER ETHNICITY / NATIONAL ORIGIN

SEXUAL
ANTI - MALE HOMOSEXUAL (GAY)
ANTI - FEMALE HOMOSEXUAL (LESBIAN)
ANTI - HOMOSEXUAL (GAYS & LESBIANS)
ANTI - HETEROSEXUAL
ANTI - BISEXUAL

GENDER
ANTI - MALE
ANTI - FEMALE
ANTI - TRANSGENDER

DISABILITY
ANTI - MENTAL DISABILITY
ANTI - PHYSICAL DISABILITY

EXHIBIT D

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

DATE: 04/13/20 FILE: 920-04690-2822-399 ACTION: Active/ Additional

C: Under the influence of a controlled substance; 11550 HS/F/399

S: [redacted]

NARRATIVE

I(Deputy Schaper #[redacted]42) with the assistance of Los Angeles County Fire Engine #41 (under the direction of Captain Woods) transported Suspect Alegria to Martin Luther King Community Hospital. At the hospital Suspect Alegria was treated by Dr. Preston under patient number [redacted] I observed a one inch laceration on his right eyebrow. I did not observe any other injuries on Suspect Alegria, but he complained of pain to his neck. Suspect [redacted] obtained three stitches on his eyebrow.

After being cleared by Dr. Preston, Suspect [redacted] issued a citation and released in the field after being positively identified with the permission of Field Sergeant, Sergeant [redacted](285S).

S/[redacted] was issued a citation (Cite #AB700256) for being under the influence of ma controlled substance, violation 11550 HS. S/[redacted] refused to take a urine sample to prove or disprove the presence of a stimulant in his system. S/[redacted] stated he was refusing to provide a urine sample, because deputies would just add "meth" to his urine sample.

This concludes my involvement in this incident

		DATE:	TIME:
BY:	Deputy Schaper, N[redacted]42	04/13/20	1430
APPROVED:	SGT. MAGANA #[redacted]43	4-13-20	1630
ASSIGNED:	PATROL		
SECRETARY:			

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Entered by: tli Date: 4-14
SCAN
Entered by: tli Date: 4-14

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EXHIBIT E

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT of INCIDENT OR DAMAGE to COUNTY VEHICLE OR PERMITTEE'S VEHICLE

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: Compton Station	URN No: 920-04687-2820-151	T/C NUMBER FROM PDE: 2508956	INVOLVED COUNTY VEHICLE — VEHICLE EQUIPMENT No: SH5834
OPERATOR'S FULL NAME: Miguel A. Vega	TITLE: Deputy Sheriff Generalist	EMPLOYEE NUMBER: [redacted]4	MAKE: Ford
DATE: 04/13/20 — TIME: 1444 hours	CITY: Compton		MODEL: Explorer
INTERSECTION OR ADDRESS: [redacted]	AT (STREET OR HIGHWAY):		TYPE: SUV — YEAR: 2015

SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT / FACTORS

Deputies Vega and Hernandez, unit 284D, were transporting Suspect [redacted] to Century Regional Detention Facility for booking, regarding his arrest under file #920-04690-2822-183. Deputy Vega (driver) was traveling north on Alameda Street, approaching 129th Street, when he and Deputy Hernandez observed a male Hispanic adult (unknown suspect) on a bicycle. The suspect and two other individuals were on foot, heading east in the middle of the roadway on 129th Street toward Alameda Street. The suspect looked in their direction and grabbed onto a bulge (consistent with a firearm) on the right side of his waistband. All three individuals then turned in the opposite direction (west), which diverted the deputies' attention. Deputy Vega turned west onto 129th Street and saw the suspect flee on his bicycle, south through the alley just south of 129th Street, and west of Alameda Street.

☒ SEE CONTINUATION

PDE INFORMATION

Vehicle Damaged Caused By	Type of Collision	Occurred During	Extent of Damage	Other Factor(s)	Seatbelt Use
☒ TRAFFIC COLLISION	☐ FATALITY	☒ NORMAL	☐ NONE	☐ WEATHER	☐ OPERATOR STATED YES
☐ MECHANICAL FAILURE	☒ INJURY	☐ CODE-3	☐ MINOR DAMAGE	☐ ROAD CONDITION	☒ OPERATOR SAID NO
☐ VANDALISM	☐ P.D.O.	☐ PURSUIT	☐ MAJOR DAMAGE	☐ LIGHTING	☒ SUPERVISOR CONCURS
☐ OTHER	☒ MARKED UNIT	☐ UNMARKED	☒ UNREPAIRABLE	☐ OTHER	☐ SUPERVISOR DOES NOT CONCUR (EXPLAIN)

PRIOR PREVENTABLE COLLISION PAST 36 MOS.

An employee's history of preventable traffic accidents ca be obtained via the Employee's PPI Profile report

COLLISION #	DATE	UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT	LEVEL	POINTS
		Total Number of Prior Points		0

PRIOR CLASS ATTENDANCE

☐ Check if operator has previously attended a voluntary reduction course

If so, indicate the date of course attendance here

SGT

SUPERVISOR Sergeant Marco Magana [redacted]43 DATE SUBMITTED 05/12/20 ☒ VIDEO or AUDIO SUBMITTED w/PKG

WATCH CMDR REVIEW

WATCH CMDR Lieutenant Oscar E. Veloz [redacted]37 DATE 05-13-20 SIGNATURE Oscar [signature]

RECOMMENDATION ☒ PREVENTABLE / LEVEL 3 ☐ NON-PREVENTABLE ☐ WORK DAMAGE ☐ VANDALISM ☐ UNKNOWN

INPUT Concur with CHP; Deputy Vega is at fault for unsafe speed; request admin investigation re: safeguarding prisoners.

UNIT COMMANDER'S REVIEW

CAPTAIN La Tonya R. Clark [redacted]01 DATE 6/23/20 SIGNATURE [signature]

COMMENTS Preventable T/C Administrative Investigation regarding unsafeguarded Prisoner

☐ PREVENTABLE

☐ LEVEL 1 ONE POINT / 10MPH or Less Prior to Braking. No Disregard for Safety. Non-injury

☐ LEVEL 2 TWO POINTS / 10+ MPH Prior to Braking & Essentially Compliant w/Veh. Code

☒ LEVEL 3 THREE POINTS / All Not Otherwise Classified Level 1 or 2

☐ LEVEL 3 FOUR POINTS / Notable Disregard for Safety & Life Threatening Injury

☐ ACTION LEVEL REACHED / DEPT. ACTION:

☐ STAR DRIVER TRAINING COURSE

☐ SIX MONTHS NON-DRIVING DUTY

☐ REASSIGNMENT - ONE YEAR

DIVISION REVIEW

CHIEF/COMMANDER ________ # ________ DATE ________ SIGNATURE ________

COMMENTS

DISCUSSED W/EMPLOYEE

NEW POINT TOTAL ______ DATE DISCUSSED ________ BY SUPERVISOR ________ # ______

POINTS ARE ACCRUED AS OF THE DATE THE COLLISION OCCURRED AND SHALL REMAIN ON THE EMPLOYEE'S RECORD FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY-SIX CONSECUTIVE MONTHS UNLESS REMOVED BY THE "DRIVER SURVIVAL COURSE."

EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE DATE

76A802A - SH-R-257 (REV 02/2011)

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT of INCIDENT OR DAMAGE to COUNTY VEHICLE OR PERMITTEE'S VEHICLE

NARRATIVE CONTINUATION

(Refer to "Supervisor's Guide to Completing SH-R-257 FORM" in Outlook)

Deputy Hernandez exited the patrol vehicle at the mouth of the north/south alley on 129th Street. Deputy Vega drove south in the alley and followed the suspect.

The suspect turned west into the alley between 130th Street and 129th Street. Deputy Vega followed the suspect and saw him discard a firearm into a rear yard of one of the properties. While driving west through the alley at 30-35 miles-per-hour, Deputy Vega attempted to drive in between a parked vehicle on the south side of the alley and a cinder block wall on the north side of the alley. Upon doing so, the front right quarter panel of the patrol vehicle collided with the cinder block wall, causing the rear end of the patrol vehicle to swing in a clockwise direction, and strike the front end of the parked vehicle (1997 BMW 528I, black, CA/[redacted].

At the time of the collision, Suspect [redacted] seatbelt was not fastened. As a result, he sustained a laceration on his right eyebrow. Deputy Vega provided care to Suspect [redacted] who was immediately transferred to another patrol vehicle and taken to a safe location. Suspect [redacted] was treated on scene by Los Angeles County Fire Department Engine 41, under the direction of Captain Woods. Suspect [redacted] was transported to Martin Luther King Jr. Community Hospital for further treatment by Doctor Preston, under patient number [redacted] Suspect [redacted] received 4 sutures to his right eyebrow for the laceration.

On April 13, 2020, at 1605 hours, I conducted a video recorded interview with Suspect [redacted] at Martin Luther King Jr. Comminity Hospital. Suspect [redacted] refused to make any statements about the collision and said he wanted to speak to an attorney. I observed a small laceration and redness to his right eyebrow.

I responded to the collision scene and examined the involved vehicles for damages. The patrol vehicle sustained major damage to the front right end, the right rear door, and the rear bumper. The parked vehicle sustained moderate damage to the front end. I also noticed the cinder block wall had crumbled and other metal fencing appeared to be damaged.

I contacted the registered owner of the parked vehicle ([redacted]) and advised him of the collision. [redacted] told me his vehicle did not have any damage prior to the incident. He is also the the owner of the damaged wall at [redacted]

There were no other witnesses and I was unable to locate any surveillance cameras that captured footage of the collision.

California Highway Patrol Officer [redacted] responded to the scene and conducted a traffic collision investigation. He authored a report under report number 9530-2020-02103. Officer [redacted] determined Deputy Vega was at fault for the collision for unsafe speed, violation 22350 CVC.

Later during the shift, Deputy Vega complained of pain to his wrist and neck. Deputy Vega was taken to Concentra Urgent Care for treatment.

Deputy Vega was not wearing his seatbelt at the time of the collision, as he was preparing to contact and/or contain an armed suspect in a high crime area. Based on this information. I determined it was acceptable that his seatbelt was not fastened.

I concur with Officer [redacted] findings regarding this traffic collision; it was preventable and Deputy Vega was at fault for 22350 CVC. In addition, I recommend the deputies' failure to safeguard Suspect [redacted] in the patrol vehicle be investigated further.

76A802A - SH-R-257 (REV. 02/2011)

COUNTY of LOS ANGELES REPORT of VEHICLE ACCIDENT or INCIDENT

FATALITIES OR SERIOUS INJURIES MUST BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY BY TELEPHONE TO CARL WARREN & CO (818) 247-2206
Prepared for County Counsel in defense of the County, Special Districts and employees

DEPT Los Angeles County Sheriff CODE 770 DIV OR FACILITY Central Patrol Division SECTION Compton Station
VEHICLE DRIVEN BY EMPLOYEE ⊗ COUNTY (includes Veh leased or rented by CO) O EMPLOYEES
INSURANCE CO Self Insured POLICY NO On file EQUIP NO SH5834 LICENSE NO 1462992
PERMITTEE O YES ⊗ NO CONTRACT SERVICES ⊗ YES O NO IF YES, NAME OF CONTRACT CITY Compton

POLICE REPORT ⊗ YES O NO POLICE AGENCY REPORTING California Highway Patrol STATION South Los Angeles Traffic

ACCIDENT DATE 04/13/20 CITY OR AREA Compton ON (STREET OR HIGHWAY) AT (INTERSECTION OR ADDRESS) 2604 East 129th Street
HOUR 2:44 O AM ⊗ PM

COUNTY DRIVER (1)

DRIVER Miguel Vega JOB TITLE Deputy Sheriff Generalist [redacted] 44 DRIVER'S LICENSE NO [redacted]
HOME ADDRESS On File PHONE On File
WORK LOCATION 301 South Willowbrook Avenue, Compton, CA 90220 PHONE 310-605-6500
VEHICLE YEAR 2015 MAKE Ford MODEL OR TYPE Explorer LIC NO 1462992
PARTS DAMAGED Major damage to the front right end, rear passenger side door, and right rear bumper.

PASSENGER CO EMPLOYEE O YES ⊗ NO
NAME [redacted]
HOME ADDRESS [redacted]
PHONE WORK HOME [redacted]

PASSENGER CO EMPLOYEE O YES O NO
NAME
HOME ADDRESS
PHONE WORK HOME

OTHER DRIVER (2)

DRIVER Unoccupied vehicle ADDRESS PHONE
DRIVER'S LICENSE NO STATE INSURANCE CO
EMPLOYER ADDRESS PHONE
VEHICLE YEAR 1997 MAKE BMW VEH LIC PLATE YEAR 2020 NUMBER [redacted] STATE CA
PARTS DAMAGED Front bumper
REGISTERED OWNER [redacted] ADDRESS [redacted] PHONE [redacted]

PASSENGER CO EMPLOYEE O YES O NO
NAME
HOME ADDRESS
PHONE WORK HOME

PASSENGER CO EMPLOYEE O YES O NO
NAME
HOME ADDRESS
PHONE WORK HOME

OTHER DRIVER (3)

DRIVER ADDRESS PHONE
DRIVER'S LICENSE NO STATE INSURANCE CO
EMPLOYER ADDRESS PHONE
VEHICLE YEAR MAKE VEH LIC PLATE YEAR NUMBER STATE
PARTS DAMAGED
REGISTERED OWNER ADDRESS PHONE

PASSENGER CO EMPLOYEE O YES O NO
NAME
HOME ADDRESS
PHONE WORK HOME

PASSENGER CO EMPLOYEE O YES O NO
NAME
HOME ADDRESS
PHONE WORK HOME

INJURED / WITNESSES

⊗ INJURED ⊗ WITNESS O FATALITY
NAME [redacted] PHONE --- NATURE OF INJURY Laceration to right eyebrow
ADDRESS [redacted] TAKEN TO Martin Luther Jr. Community Hosptial

O INJURED O WITNESS O FATALITY
NAME PHONE NATURE OF INJURY
ADDRESS TAKEN TO

O INJURED O WITNESS O FATALITY
NAME PHONE NATURE OF INJURY
ADDRESS TAKEN TO

O INJURED O WITNESS O FATALITY
NAME PHONE NATURE OF INJURY
ADDRESS TAKEN TO

SH-AD-665

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete form within 24 hours of vehicle accident and submit to your supervisor. If more space is needed to completely answer any category on this form, attach an additional sheet.

INDICATE NORTH ↑

DRAW A DIAGRAM AND SHOW HOW ACCIDENT OCCURRED
Show your Vehicle as [1] the other Vehicles as [2], [3], etc.

SHOW the location and position of Vehicle(s) at point of impact.
SHOW the name of the street(s) and location of stop signs, signals.
STATE number of lanes and length of skid marks.

EXPLAIN CLEARLY HOW ACCIDENT OCCURRED. USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY:

I was driving westbound in the east/west alley, north of 130th Street and west of Alameda Street, following a fleeing armed suspect who was on a bicycle. As I continued westbound in the alley, I saw a vehicle parked along the south wall of the alley in front of me. I tried to drive my patrol vehicle in between the parked vehicle, and the block wall at approximately 30 to 35 miles-per-hour. While approaching the vehicle, I tried to position my patrol vehicle as close as possible along the north wall of the alley in preparation to pass the vehicle, when I felt my front tire grab the wall, causing my patrol vehicle to turn into the wall prior to passing the vehicle. The collision caused my patrol vehicle's rear end to spin around, and hit the parked vehicle.

Was your Vehicle legally parked? ○ YES ⊗ NO If No, complete items listed below.

DISTRIBUTION: Department procedure for distribution to be followed; copies must be forwarded to the following:

2 COPIES - CARL WARREN & CO., P.O. Box 116, Glendale, CA 91209-0116
1 COPY - (If CO. Vehicle damaged) Internal Services Dept. 1100 N. Eastern Ave., L.A.
(Not applicable for Road and Flood Control Vehicles)

1. LOCALITY
○ Rural-Hwy / Roadway
⊗ Residential
○ Business / Shopping
○ Freeway
○ Motor Way (Mtn.)
○ Open Field
○ Private Road
○ Other

2. OPERATING AREA
○ Non-intersection
○ Nearing Intersection
○ In Intersection
○ Leaving Intersection
○ Entering Driveway
○ Leaving Driveway
○ Construction Zone
○ Parking / Bus. Lot
⊗ Other

3. MOVEMENT
[1] [2]
⊗ ○ Straight Ahead
○ ○ Lane Change
○ ○ Making Right Turn
○ ○ Making Left Turn
○ ○ Standing
○ ⊗ Parked
○ ○ Backing
○ ○ Rolling Back
○ ○ Moving Unattended

4. TRAFFIC CONTROLS
⊗ ⊗ None Present
○ ○ Green Signal
○ ○ Yellow Signal
○ ○ Red Signal
○ ○ Flashing Signal
○ ○ Stop Sign
○ ○ Warning Sign
○ ○ Construction Sign
○ ○ Other

5. AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC
⊗ No Other
○ Light
○ Medium
○ Heavy-flowing
○ Congested

6. TERRAIN
⊗ Level
○ Upgrade
○ Downgrade
○ Hill Crest
○ Dip

7. ROAD SUFACE
○ Concrete
⊗ Asphalt
○ Oiled / Gravel
○ Unpaved
○ Other

8. VISIBILITY
⊗ Good
○ Fair
○ Poor
○ Very Poor

9. WEATHER
⊗ Clear
○ Rain
○ Fog
○ Dusty
○ Snow
○ Heavy Smog
○ Other

10. ROAD CONDITION
⊗ Dry
○ Wet
○ Muddy
○ Snowy or Icy

11. EVASIVE ACTION by CO. DRIVER
○ Locked Brakes
○ Hard Brakes
○ Slowed / Stopped
○ Steered Away
○ Accelerated
⊗ None
○ Other

12. SAFETY BELTS
⊗ Installed, Not Worn
○ Installed and Worn
○ Not Installed
○ Vehicle Unoccupied

13. EMERGENCY RESPONSE (Applies to Vehicle driven by employee)DRAW
Were red lights and siren activated?
○ YES ⊗ NO

County Driver's Item No.: 2708A Employee No. [redacted]44 Age: 29

Total Yrs. Driving: 14 Total Yrs. Driving for CO.: 7 Total Yrs. This Type Vehicle: 7

SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE DATE 04/15/20

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISOR DATE 4-15-20

SIGNATURE OF DEPT. HEAD OR AUTH. REPRESENTATIVE DATE

SH-AD-665

EXHIBIT F

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

TRAFFIC COLLISION REPORT

CHP 555 PAGE 1 (REV 04-11) OPI 060

SPECIAL CONDITIONS	NUMBER INJURED	HIT & RUN FELONY	CITY	JUDICIAL DISTRICT	LOCAL REPORT NUMBER
ON-DUTY EMERGENCY VEHICLE LATE-REPORTED	1	☐	UNINCORPORATED	COMPTON	9530-2020-02103
	NUMBER KILLED: 0	HIT & RUN MISDEMEANOR: ☐	COUNTY: LOS ANGELES	REPORTING DISTRICT / BEAT: 002	DAY OF WEEK: MONDAY; TOW AWAY: ☒ YES ☐ NO

LOCATION

COLLISION OCCURRED ON	MO DAY YEAR	TIME (2400)	NCIC #	OFFICER I.D.
EAST/WEST ALLEY EAST OF MONA BOULEVARD	04/13/2020	1500	9530	021792

MILEPOST INFORMATION:

GPS COORDINATES: LATITUDE 33.914858° LONGITUDE - 118.224991°

PHOTOGRAPHS BY: ☐ NONE — OFC [redacted]

☐ AT INTERSECTION WITH:
☒ OR: 144 FEET NORTH OF 130TH ST.

STATE HWY REL: ☒ YES ☐ NO

PARTY 1

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER	STATE	CLASS	AIR BAG	SAFETY EQUIP	VEH. YEAR	MAKE / MODEL / COLOR	LICENSE NUMBER	STATE
[redacted]	CA	C	M	H	2015	FORD EXPLORER BLK/WHI	1462992	CA

☒ DRIVER ☐ PEDESTRIAN ☐ PARKED VEHICLE ☐ BICYCLIST ☐ OTHER

NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST): MIGUEL ANGEL VEGA — ON DUTY EMERGENCY VEHICLE

STREET ADDRESS: 301 S WILLOWBROOK AVE

CITY / STATE / ZIP: COMPTON CA 90220

SEX	HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	BIRTHDATE (MO DAY YEAR)	RACE
M	BLK	BRN	5-8	190	[redacted]	H

HOME PHONE: NONE
BUSINESS PHONE: (310)605-6500

INSURANCE CARRIER: SELF-INSURED
POLICY NUMBER:

DIR OF TRAVEL: W
ON STREET OR HIGHWAY: EAST/WEST ALLEY
SPEED LIMIT: 15

OWNER'S NAME: ☐ SAME AS DRIVER — LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

OWNER'S ADDRESS: ☐ SAME AS DRIVER — 1277 N EASTERN AVE LOS ANGELES CA 90063

DISPOSITION OF VEHICLE ON ORDERS OF: ☐ OFFICER ☒ DRIVER ☐ OTHER — FONTANOT TOW - (310)637-3424

PRIOR MECH. DEFECTS: ☒ NONE APP. ☐ REFER TO NARRATIVE

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

VEHICLE TYPE: 98

DESCRIBE VEHICLE DAMAGE: ☐ UNK ☐ NONE ☐ MINOR ☐ MOD ☒ MAJOR ☐ ROLL-OVER

SHADE IN DAMAGED AREA (TOP VIEW)

CA ____ DOT ____
CAL-T ____ TCP/PSC ____ MC/MX ____

PARTY 2

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER	STATE	CLASS	AIR BAG	SAFETY EQUIP	VEH. YEAR	MAKE / MODEL / COLOR	LICENSE NUMBER	STATE
			M	P	1997	BMW 528I BLK	[redacted]	CA

☐ DRIVER ☐ PEDESTRIAN ☒ PARKED VEHICLE ☐ BICYCLIST ☐ OTHER

NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST):

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY / STATE / ZIP:

SEX	HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	BIRTHDATE (MO DAY YEAR)	RACE

HOME PHONE: (310)436-5804
BUSINESS PHONE: [redacted]

INSURANCE CARRIER: [redacted]
POLICY NUMBER: [redacted]

DIR OF TRAVEL: E
ON STREET OR HIGHWAY: EAST/WEST ALLEY
SPEED LIMIT: 25

OWNER'S NAME: ☐ SAME AS DRIVER — [redacted]

OWNER'S ADDRESS: ☐ SAME AS DRIVER — [redacted]

DISPOSITION OF VEHICLE ON ORDERS OF: ☐ OFFICER ☐ DRIVER ☒ OTHER — PARKED AT SCENE - [redacted]

PRIOR MECHANICAL DEFECTS: ☒ NONE APP. ☐ REFER TO NARRATIVE

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

VEHICLE TYPE: 01

DESCRIBE VEHICLE DAMAGE: ☐ UNK ☐ NONE ☒ MINOR ☐ MOD ☐ MAJOR ☐ ROLL-OVER

SHADE IN DAMAGED AREA (TOP VIEW)

CA ____ DOT ____
CAL-T ____ TCP/PSC ____ MC/MX ____

PARTY 3

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER	STATE	CLASS	AIR BAG	SAFETY EQUIP	VEH. YEAR	MAKE / MODEL / COLOR	LICENSE NUMBER	STATE

☐ DRIVER ☐ PEDESTRIAN ☐ PARKED VEHICLE ☐ BICYCLIST ☐ OTHER

NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST):

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY / STATE / ZIP:

SEX	HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	BIRTHDATE (MO DAY YEAR)	RACE

HOME PHONE:
BUSINESS PHONE:

INSURANCE CARRIER:
POLICY NUMBER:

DIR OF TRAVEL:
ON STREET OR HIGHWAY:
SPEED LIMIT:

OWNER'S NAME: ☐ SAME AS DRIVER

OWNER'S ADDRESS: ☐ SAME AS DRIVER

DISPOSITION OF VEHICLE ON ORDERS OF: ☐ OFFICER ☐ DRIVER ☐ OTHER

PRIOR MECHANICAL DEFECTS: ☐ NONE APP ☐ REFER TO NARRATIVE

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

VEHICLE TYPE:

DESCRIBE VEHICLE DAMAGE: ☐ UNK ☐ NONE ☐ MINOR ☐ MOD ☐ MAJOR ☐ ROLL-OVER

SHADE IN DAMAGED AREA

CA ____ DOT ____
CAL-T ____ TCP/PSC ____ MC/MX ____

PREPARER'S NAME	DISPATCH NOTIFIED	REVIEWER'S NAME	DATE REVIEWED
[redacted]	☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A	[redacted]	04/23/2020

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TRAFFIC COLLISION CODING

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DATE OF COLLISION (MO DAY YEAR)	TIME(2400)	NCIC #	OFFICER I.D.	NUMBER
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PROPERTY DAMAGE

OWNER'S NAME: [redacted]
OWNER ADDRESS: [redacted]
NOTIFIED: [x] YES [ ] NO
DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGE: DESTROYED CINDERBLOCK WALL, BROKEN METAL FENCE,DAMAGEED WATER HEATER

SEATING POSITION

1 2 3 / 4 5 6 / 7

1 - DRIVER
2 TO 6 - PASSENGERS
7 - STATION WAGON REAR
8 - REAR OCC TRK OR VAN
9 - POSITION UNKNOWN
0 - OTHER

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

OCCUPANTS
A - NONE IN VEHICLE
B - UNKNOWN
C - LAP BELT USED
D - LAP BELT NOT USED
E - SHOULDER HARNESS USED
F - SHOULDER HARNESS NOT USED
G - LAP/SHOULDER HARNESS USED
H - LAP/SHOULDER HARNESS NOT USED
J - PASSIVE RESTRAINT USED
K - PASSIVE RESTRAINT NOT USED
P - NOT REQUIRED

CHILD RESTRAINT
Q - IN VEHICLE USED
R - IN VEHICLE NOT USED
S - IN VEHICLE USE UNKNOWN
T - IN VEHICLE IMPROPER USE
U - NONE IN VEHICLE

M / C BICYCLE HELMET
DRIVER: V - NO, W - YES
PASSENGER: X - NO, Y - YES

AIR BAG
B - UNKNOWN
L - AIR BAG DEPLOYED
M - AIR BAG NOT DEPLOYED
N - OTHER
P - NOT REQUIRED

EJECTED FROM VEHICLE
0 - NOT EJECTED
1 - FULLY EJECTED
2 - PARTIALLY EJECTED
3 - UNKNOWN

INATTENTION CODES
A - CELL PHONE HANDHELD
B - CELL PHONE HANDSFREE
C - ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT
D - RADIO / CD
E - SMOKING
F - EATING
G - CHILDREN
H - ANIMALS
I - PERSONAL HYGIENE
J - READING
K - OTHER

ITEMS MARKED BELOW FOLLOWED BY AN ASTERISK (*) SHOULD BE EXPLAINED IN THE NARRATIVE.

PRIMARY COLLISION FACTOR — LIST NUMBER (#) OF PARTY AT FAULT

#	Item
1	A VC SECTION VIOLATED: 22350 — CITED: [ ] YES [x] NO
	B OTHER IMPROPER DRIVING*
	C OTHER THAN DRIVER*
	D UNKNOWN*

WEATHER (MARK 1 TO 2 ITEMS)

X	A CLEAR
	B CLOUDY
	C RAINING
	D SNOWING
	E FOG / VISIBILITY ___ FT
	F OTHER*
	G WIND

LIGHTING

X	A DAYLIGHT
	B DUSK - DAWN
	C DARK - STREET LIGHTS
	D DARK - NO STREET LIGHTS
	E DARK - STREET LIGHTS NOT FUNCTIONING*

ROADWAY SURFACE

X	A DRY
	B WET
	C SNOWY - ICY
	D SLIPPERY (MUDDY, OILY, ETC.)

ROADWAY CONDITION(S) (MARK 1 TO 2 ITEMS)

	A HOLES, DEEP RUT*
	B LOOSE MATERIAL ON ROADWAY*
	C OBSTRUCTION ON ROADWAY*
	D CONSTRUCTION - REPAIR ZONE
	E REDUCED ROADWAY WIDTH
	F FLOODED*
	G OTHER*
X	H NO UNUSUAL CONDITIONS

TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

	A CONTROLS FUNCTIONING
	B CONTROLS NOT FUNCTIONING*
	C CONTROLS OBSCURED
X	D NO CONTROLS PRESENT / FACTOR*

TYPE OF COLLISION

	A HEAD - ON
	B SIDE SWIPE
	C REAR END
	D BROADSIDE
X	E HIT OBJECT
	F OVERTURNED
	G VEHICLE / PEDESTRIAN
	H OTHER*

MOTOR VEHICLE INVOLVED WITH

	A NON - COLLISION
	B PEDESTRIAN
	C OTHER MOTOR VEHICLE
	D MOTOR VEHICLE ON OTHER ROADWAY
	E PARKED MOTOR VEHICLE
	F TRAIN
	G BICYCLE
	H ANIMAL
X	I FIXED OBJECT: CINDERBLOCK WALL
	J OTHER OBJECT

PEDESTRIAN'S ACTIONS

X	A NO PEDESTRIANS INVOLVED
	B CROSSING IN CROSSWALK - AT INTERSECTION
	C CROSSING IN CROSSWALK - NOT AT INTERSECTION
	D CROSSING - NOT IN CROSSWALK
	E IN ROAD - INCLUDES SHOULDER
	F NOT IN ROAD
	G APPROACHING / LEAVING SCHOOL BUS

SPECIAL INFORMATION

1	2	3	Item
X	X		A HAZARDOUS MATERIAL
			B CELL PHONE HANDHELD IN USE
			C CELL PHONE HANDSFREE IN USE
			D CELL PHONE NOT IN USE
			E SCHOOL BUS RELATED
			F 75 FT MOTORTRUCK COMBO
			G 32 FT TRAILER COMBO
			H
			I
			J
			K
			L
			M
			N
			O

OTHER ASSOCIATED FACTORS (MARK 1 TO 2 ITEMS)

1	2	3	Item
			A VC SECTION VIOLATED — CITED [ ] YES [ ] NO
			B VC SECTION VIOLATED — CITED [ ] YES [ ] NO
			C VC SECTION VIOLATED — CITED [ ] YES [ ] NO
			D
			E VISION OBSCUREMENT
			F INATTENTION*
			G STOP & GO TRAFFIC
			H ENTERING / LEAVING RAMP
			I PREVIOUS COLLISION
			J UNFAMILIAR WITH ROAD
			K DEFECTIVE VEH. EQUIP. — CITED [ ] YES [ ] NO
			L UNINVOLVED VEHICLE
			M OTHER*
X	X		N NONE APPARENT
			O RUNAWAY VEHICLE

MOVEMENT PRECEDING COLLISION

1	2	3	Item
			A STOPPED
X			B PROCEEDING STRAIGHT
			C RAN OFF ROAD
			D MAKING RIGHT TURN
			E MAKING LEFT TURN
			F MAKING U TURN
			G BACKING
			H SLOWING / STOPPING
			I PASSING OTHER VEHICLE
			J CHANGING LANES
			K PARKING MANEUVER
			L ENTERING TRAFFIC
			M OTHER UNSAFE TURNING
			N XING INTO OPPOSING LANE
	X		O PARKED
			P MERGING
			Q TRAVELING WRONG WAY
			R OTHER*

SOBRIETY - DRUG PHYSICAL (MARK 1 TO 2 ITEMS)

1	2	3	Item
X			A HAD NOT BEEN DRINKING
			B HBD - UNDER INFLUENCE
			C HBD - NOT UNDER INFLUENCE*
			D HBD - IMPAIRMENT UNKNOWN*
			E UNDER DRUG INFLUENCE*
			F IMPAIRMENT - PHYSICAL*
			G IMPAIRMENT NOT KNOWN
	X		H NOT APPLICABLE
			I SLEEPY / FATIGUED*

SKETCH FOR SKETCH DIAGRAM, SEE PAGE 4

INDICATE NORTH

MISCELLANEOUS

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INJURED / WITNESSES / PASSENGERS**

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WITNESS ONLY	PASSENGER ONLY	AGE	SEX	EXTENT OF INJURY ('X' ONE): FATAL INJURY	SUSPECTED SERIOUS INJURY	SUSPECTED MINOR INJURY	POSSIBLE INJURY	INJURED WAS ('X' ONE): DRIVER	PASS	PED	BICYCLIST	OTHER	PARTY NUMBER	SEAT POS	AIR BAG	SAFETY EQUIP	EJECTED
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NAME / D.O.B. / ADDRESS: [redacted]
TELEPHONE: [redacted]

(INJURED ONLY) TRANSPORTED BY: MCCORMICK AMBULANCE
EMS RUN NUMBER: [redacted]
TAKEN TO: MLK JR. KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER

DESCRIBE INJURIES: LACERATION ABOVE RIGHT EYE (3 STITCHES) , BRUISED FOREHEAD, COMPLAINT OF PAIN TO BACK AND NECK

☐ VICTIM OF VIOLENT CRIME NOTIFIED

WITNESS ONLY	PASSENGER ONLY	AGE	SEX	FATAL INJURY	SUSPECTED SERIOUS INJURY	SUSPECTED MINOR INJURY	POSSIBLE INJURY	DRIVER	PASS	PED	BICYCLIST	OTHER	PARTY NUMBER	SEAT POS	AIR BAG	SAFETY EQUIP	EJECTED
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NAME / D.O.B. / ADDRESS:
TELEPHONE:

(INJURED ONLY) TRANSPORTED BY:
EMS RUN NUMBER:
TAKEN TO:

DESCRIBE INJURIES:

☐ VICTIM OF VIOLENT CRIME NOTIFIED

WITNESS ONLY	PASSENGER ONLY	AGE	SEX	FATAL INJURY	SUSPECTED SERIOUS INJURY	SUSPECTED MINOR INJURY	POSSIBLE INJURY	DRIVER	PASS	PED	BICYCLIST	OTHER	PARTY NUMBER	SEAT POS	AIR BAG	SAFETY EQUIP	EJECTED
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DESCRIBE INJURIES:

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EMS RUN NUMBER:
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DESCRIBE INJURIES:

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TELEPHONE:

(INJURED ONLY) TRANSPORTED BY:
EMS RUN NUMBER:
TAKEN TO:

DESCRIBE INJURIES:

☐ VICTIM OF VIOLENT CRIME NOTIFIED

PREPARER'S NAME	I.D. NUMBER	MO. DAY YEAR	REVIEWER'S NAME	MO. DAY YEAR
[redacted]	[redacted]	04/13/2020	[redacted]	04/23/2020

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SKETCH DIAGRAM
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DATE OF INCIDENT	TIME	NCIC NUMBER	OFFICER I.D.	NUMBER
04/13/2020	1500	[redacted]	[redacted]	9530-2020-02103

ALL MEASUREMENTS ARE APPROXIMATE AND NOT TO SCALE UNLESS STATED (SCALE=)



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[redacted]	[redacted]	04/13/2020	[redacted]	04/23/2020

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FACTUAL DIAGRAM

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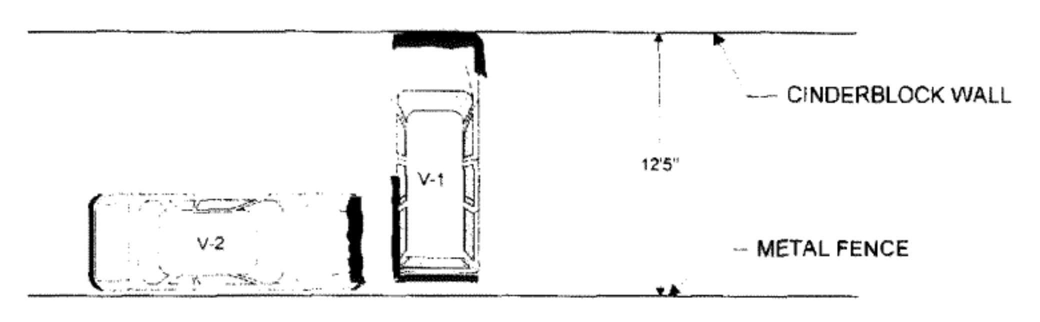
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ALL MEASUREMENTS ARE APPROXIMATE AND NOT TO SCALE UNLESS STATED (SCALE=)

EAST/WEST ALLEY

MONA BLVD





130TH STREET

PREPARED BY	I.D. NUMBER	DATE	REVIEWER'S NAME	DATE
[redacted]	[redacted]	04/13/2020	[redacted]	04/23/2020

DATE OF INCIDENT	TIME	NCIC NUMBER	OFFICER I.D.	NUMBER
04/13/2020	1500	[redacted]	[redacted]	9530-2020-02103

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LEGEND:

POINTS OF REST:

Vehicle #1's right front tire was located approximately 12 feet north of the south road edge of the east/west alley north of 130th Street and 265 feet east of the east road edge prolongation of a north/south alley east of Mona Boulevard.

Vehicle #1's right rear tire was located approximately 2 feet north of the south road edge of an east/west alley north of 130th Street and 262 feet east of the east road edge prolongation of a north/south alley east of Mona Boulevard.

Vehicle #2's right front tire was located approximately 2 feet north of the south road edge of an east/west alley north of 130th Street and 259 feet east of the east road edge prolongation of a north/south alley east of Mona Boulevard.

Vehicle #2's left front tire was located approximately 4 feet north of the south road edge of an east/west alley north of 130th Street and 259 feet east of the east road edge prolongation of a north/south alley east of Mona Boulevard.

DATE OF INCIDENT	TIME	NCIC NUMBER	OFFICER I.D.	NUMBER
04/13/2020	1500	[redacted]	[redacted]	9530-2020-02103

FACTS:

NOTIFICATION:

On April 13th, 2020, at approximately 1649 hours, I was dispatched to a traffic collision involving an on-duty, Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputy. I responded from Imperial Highway at Philadelphia Way and arrived on scene at approximately 1700 hours. Upon my arrival, I determined this to be a traffic collision with minor injuries, that occurred at approximately 1500 hours.

All times, speeds, and measurements are approximate. Measurements were obtained by GPS mapping application, visual estimation and foot pacing.

SCENE:

This collision occurred during the hours of daylight in an east/west alley, east of Mona Boulevard, north of 130th Street within an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County.

This alley is a two way, east/west aligned, County of Los Angeles maintained, concrete alley. At this location, there are no lane delineations designating direction of travel. The alley is approximately 12 feet 5 inches wide. The north road edge is bordered by a 8-foot-tall metal fence and cinderblock wall. The south road edge in bordered by a 10-foot-tall metal fence. The alley is controlled by a prima facie speed of 15 miles per hour.

The weather was warm and dry. There were no roadway or visual hazards noted or claimed. See factual diagram for further details.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NARRATIVE/SUPPLEMENTAL

DATE OF INCIDENT	TIME	NCIC NUMBER	OFFICER I.D.	NUMBER
04/13/2020	1500	[redacted]	[redacted]	9530-2020-02103

PARTIES/VEHICLES:

Party #1 (P-1,Vega) was contacted at the scene of the collision, standing next to his patrol vehicle. Vega was identified to me by his valid California Driver License as Miguel Angel Vega. Vega was placed as a party in this collision by the following:

- His statement of being involved in this collision.
- His admission of being the driver of Vehicle #1 at the time of the collision.
- Passenger #1's statement of Party #1 driving Vehicle #1.

In addition to being a party in this collision, Party #1 was determined to a peace officer in performance of his duties. Party #1 was identified by the following:

- His County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department tan and green uniform.
- His departmentally issued badge.
- His operation of a California Exempt vehicle owned and maintained by the County of Los Angeles in performance of his duties as a peace officer.

Vehicle #1 (V-1, Ford, Explorer, Black/White): was located at the scene of the collision on three wheels, facing a northerly direction. Vehicle #1 sustained major damage as a result of this collision which included but was not limited to the following:

- Crushed front right fender
- Detached front right tire
- Snapped front axle
- Snapped front right suspension spring
- Crushed front bumper
- Dented driver's side door
- Torn left rear passenger rocker panel
- Detached driver side weather stripping
- Dented rear bumper

There were no prior mechanical defects noted or claimed prior to this collision.

Vehicle #1 was identified to me as an on-duty emergency vehicle by the following:

- Forward Facing red emergency lights and siren.
- County of Los Angeles Sheriff star on both doors.

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NARRATIVE/SUPPLEMENTAL

DATE OF INCIDENT	TIME	NCIC NUMBER	OFFICER I.D.	NUMBER
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PARTIES/VEHICLES CONTINUED:

Vehicle #2 (V-2, BMW, 528I, Black) located at the scene of the collision on all four wheels facing an easterly direction. Vehicle #2 sustained minor damage as a result of this collision, which included but was not limited to the following:

- Minor sideswipe damage to the right front fender
- Scratches to right front portion of bumper
- Cracked front windshield

OTHER FACTUAL INFORMATION:

I took 19 digital photographs of this collision. The photographs were copied onto a disc and stored at the South Los Angeles California Highway Patrol photo storage for safe keeping.

STATEMENTS:

Party #1 (P-1,Vega): was contacted at the scene of the collision and related the following in essence: He was following a suspected person with gun, riding a bicycle westbound in an alleyway. Vega entered the alleyway and saw the man riding his bicycle about 30 yards ahead. Vega stated he accelerated to about 30 to 35 miles per hours toward the rider. As he was approaching the rider, Vega saw a parked vehicle against the left side of the alley and stated, "I thought I had enough clearance to fit". Vega stated he didn't remember pressing the brakes but felt the right-side tire hit the concrete wall. After the accident, he climbed out through the driver side window, put out his radio traffic and waited for additional units. Vega stated he never activated his red lights and sirens and never indicated he was in pursuit of a suspect.

Passenger #1, [redacted] was contacted at Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Hospital and related the following in essence: He sitting in the back seat of a patrol vehicle (Vehicle #1), When the driver (Vega) began to chase a kid on bicycle down the street. [redacted] remained in the back seat, with no seatbelt as the deputy drove recklessly after the kid on a bicycle. [redacted] stated they turned into the alley way and accelerated to about 55 to 65 miles per hour, approaching the parked car [redacted]aw the car (Vehicle #2) parked in the alley and knew the police car was too wide to fit between the gap. As the police car hit the wall, [redacted]hit his face on the cage of the police car. After the collision, the deputy got out of the car and look around for the guy on the bicycle then pulled [redacted] out of the vehicle.

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[redacted]	[redacted]	04/13/2020	[redacted]	04/23/2020

DATE OF INCIDENT	TIME	NCIC NUMBER	OFFICER I.D.	NUMBER
04/13/2020	1500	[redacted]	[redacted]	9530-2020-02103

OPINIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

The Summary, AOI and Cause were determined by statements from involved parties, passenger statement, damage to vehicle involved and the location of vehicles upon my arrival.

SUMMARY:

Party #1 (Vega) was driving Vehicle #1 (Ford) westbound in an east/west alley, north of 130th Street at a speed faster than 35 miles per hour. Vehicle #2 (BMW) was legally parked, facing east, against the south road edge to the left front of Vehicle #1.

This collision occurred because Party #1 maintained an unsafe speed as he attempted to drive Vehicle #1 in between Vehicle #2 and a cinderblock wall. As a result of this unsafe speed, Vehicle #1's right front collided with the cinderblock wall bordering the north road edge of the alley. This impact caused Vehicle #1's backend to swing in a clockwise direction and strike the right front of Vehicle #2. This impact pushed Vehicle #2 to the right, into the metal fence bordering the south road edge of the alley. After colliding with Vehicle #2, Vehicle #1 rolled backwards and struck the metal fence bordering the south road edge of the alley.

After this collision, Party #1 exited his vehicle and waited for additional units to arrive.

AREA OF IMPACT:

AOI #1 – **Vehicle #1 (V-1, Ford) vs Cinder Block Wall**: was located approximately 264 feet east of the east road edge prolongation of the north/south alley east of Mona Boulevard and at the north road edge of the east/west alley north of 130th Street.

AOI #2 – **Vehicle #1 (V-1, Ford) vs Vehicle #2 (V-2, BMW)**: was located approximately 262 feet east of the east road edge prolongation of the north/south alley east of Mona Boulevard and 6 feet north of the south road edge of the east/west alley north of 130th Street.

AOI #3 –**Vehicle #2 (V-2, BMW) vs Metal Fence**: was located approximately 262 feet east of the east road edge prolongation of the north/south alley east of Mona Boulevard and at the south road edge of the east/west alley north of 130th Street.

AOI #4 –**Vehicle #1 (V-1, Ford) vs Metal Fence**: was located approximately 264 feet east of the east road edge prolongation of the north/south alley east of Mona Boulevard and at the south road edge of an east/west alley north of 130th Street.

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CAUSE:

Party #1 (Vega) was found to be the primary cause of this collision by driving Vehicle #1 (Ford) in violation of 22350 VC which states: *No person shall drive a vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent having due regard for weather, visibility, the traffic on, and the surface and width of, the highway, and in no event at a speed which endangers the safety of persons or property.*

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None

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[redacted]	[redacted]	04/13/2020	[redacted]	04/23/2020

EXHIBIT G

[redacted]



* Final Report *

[redacted]

[redacted]

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EXHIBIT H

Exhibit H
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EXHIBIT H



EXHIBIT I

WITNESS INTERVIEW

[redacted]

(Voices were muted and there was an electronic oscillating sound running throughout the entire recording. With 6 male voices and 1 female voice in addition to Mr. [redacted] any questions o[redacted] those from Special Agent [redacted] are simply noted as Male Voice or as Ms. [redacted])

[redacted] This is Special Agent [redacted] (phonetic). It is Monday, April 5th at approximately 10:36 am. We are here to interview [redacted] or [redacted] and here with us today also is Special Agent [redacted] (phonetic) and everybody else will introduce themselves.

Buxton: AUSA Jamory Buxton (phonetic).

Roseco: AUSA Augustine Marasco (phonetic).

[redacted] [redacted] (phonetic).

[redacted] [redacted] (phonetic).

[redacted] [redacted]

[redacted] And [redacted] (phonetic).

[redacted] Okay. Very good. Now [redacted] like we talked about this, this incident was almost a year ago, so it's April 13 of 2020?

[redacted] Um-hum.

[redacted] What I would like to do today is just have you go back to that day and talk to us about the moments before the police arrived. If you could just start there.

[redacted] The moment before the police?

[redacted] Yeah, what were you doing, who were you with –

[redacted] I was --.

[redacted] - did you go to the park with somebody, just kinda talk to us about that.

[redacted] (unintelligible) questions.

[redacted] I came to the park alone and I was literally just skateboarding, trying a trick.

[redacted] Tryin' a new trick?

[redacted] Yeah, I was tryin' to practice a new trick.

[redacted] Okay. And you, did you, you came alone to the park. Did you know anybody else who was there?

[redacted] Yeah, I go to that park often so I know everybody there.

[redacted] Okay. Names, you have names, contact information for these folks?

[redacted] I do.

[redacted] Okay. And you'd be able to provide that to us?

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] Okay. We can skip over that for now cause I wanna stay in the story but let's, let's keep in mind before we leave here today I would like just kind of a list of folks who were there and then the contact information for each of those people, okay?

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] Is that okay?

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] Okay great. Okay so you're at the park practicing a trick. Talk to us about the initial encounter with, with the police officers. Your for, for, your first experience seeing them.

[redacted]: Seeing them? Alright so when I heard, I heard a vehicle coming in very fast. So I saw them, they went on top of the curb and there was two – I just looked back and all of looked back. Two people that were skating they looked back, there was two kids coming into the skatepark and the sheriff vehicle, he was coming in like on top of the platform of park where the grass is. And I just found that suspicious already but they came in very, very aggressive like a very were gonna hit the two kids. So they stopped and when they came out they just had their hands on

their guns already and they looked aggressive at, at the start. So I just told em like, -- Leave the kids alone. – and they got mad about that. And the kids lifted up their shirts to show they didn't have any guns or anything and they just let the kids completely go, like nothing after that. They started focusing their attention into all of the skaters at the park. After we told em to leave the kids alone, they were minding their own business, they got aggressive with us. They started telling us to shut the fuck up and we started like exchanging words from there.

[redacted] Alright.

[redacted] So when that happened that's how it was basically like that's, that's the situation that happened, the way they started talking back and forth --

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] - between everybody.

[redacted] Tell me a little bit more about the two kids that police followed in. Did you know who they were?

[redacted] They do come to the park and they're just skaters.

[redacted] Okay and you don't know their – do you know their names?

[redacted] I, I don't know them like that.

[redacted] Okay were they White, Black, Hispanic?

[redacted] They were Black.

[redacted] They were Black?

[redacted] Um-hum.

[redacted] Two Black males? Approximately what age?

[redacted] Like twelve to fourteen years old.

[redacted] Okay. And it wasn't, was it clear why they were being followed into the park? Do you know why?

[redacted] No. They, well the reason I have first about sayin' that was because they usually always harass people at the skatepark, the police. It's not the first time that happened. It's been many times.

[redacted] Okay. Always the same police, different police?

[redacted] It's the same group of deputies from Compton.

[redacted] Okay. So once you start exchanging words with the officers did you recognize those officers?

[redacted] No, I did not.

[redacted] You hadn't seen them before?

[redacted] No I hadn't.

[redacted] Okay. So approximately how many people were at the skatepark?

[redacted] There was at least fifteen people, sixteen people at the skatepark.

[redacted] Okay. So other than those fifteen people somehow you were pointed out or why did they focus their attention on you?

[redacted] Cause I was the main one stickin' up for the two kids that were getting harassed at the moment.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] That's why.

[redacted] Okay. So you saw something happening you didn't agree with --

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] - and interaction between the cops --

[redacted] I didn't agree with it.

[redacted] - and these two kids and you were expressing that to the officers.

[redacted] Yes, I didn't think they were --.

[redacted] What were you saying?

[redacted] I was telling em to leave him alone and when he told me to shut up and that's when I was just like, -- Why are you -- like, you know, I just found that unfair. So I started telling them back like to shut up and stuff. So we had an argument between them and me.

[redacted] Uh-huh.

[redacted] And that's when I got close to the gate and they had drove to the gate and they had grabbed my hand from there and pulled me out and threw me in the vehicle under no, no point of them asking for my ID or anything.

[redacted] So the gate, an iron gate separated --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - you from the officers.

[redacted] Yeah but there's like an entrance hole right there.

[redacted] Uh-huh.

[redacted] And that's where we were walking towards basically.

[redacted] Okay. And be as candid as you can about the language being used between the officers and also you. We're all adults here. We can --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - cussin' is fine, so just, what was bein' said between the two of you?

[redacted] Basically just sayin' like, -- Shut up. -- and stuff and we were just, we kept going first that way.

[redacted] Was there like F--- you-s or you know?

[redacted] Yeah there was a few fuck you-s but --

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] - it wasn't just me. It was, they – honestly they were becoming more aggressive towards me than I was to them. I literally just told them to leave the kids alone and they were very mad and I saw in their eyes, they looked, they looked high or somethin'.

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] They were acting suspicious and everything.

[redacted] Okay. And were they screaming F—you back or --?

[redacted] Yes they were.

[redacted] Okay. Can you remember anything specific or anything that the officers said to you?

[redacted] Not that I can remember.

[redacted] Okay. So you got close to the gate and at that point they were able to pull you through an opening in the gate?

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] And was this just a, a larger space opening or was this actually an entrance to the fence?

[redacted] It's, it's – so the gate's closed but you know everybody just goes to skate the park.

[redacted] Uh-huh?

[redacted] And there's a hole under like they, the bars were open and stuff?

[redacted] Okay, so somebody had stretched the bars --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - open. There's a skatepark right next to my house. I get it. I see that all the time.

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] They're in and out of the skatepark --

[redacted] (unintelligible).

[redacted] - and they open it like that?

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] Okay, so they were able to reach through. Did you, were you surprised when they reached through and grabbed you?

[redacted] I was surprised. I even told em, -- We have video surveillance footage at any time. --. I'm like, -- What are you --? -- I was telling em, -- What are you doing? -- I'm like, you know?

[redacted] Uh-huh?

[redacted] -- This is not right. -- Like – What are you doing? You need to tell me to be quiet. --. They had my hands behind my back, they opened the door and just threw me behind the vehicle.

[redacted] So I wanna slow down a little bit. When you're standing on one side of the fence and he's on the other, when he grabs you did you resist or you, were you pulling back? Is it, what's being said? I mean that seems kind of like a violent experience.

[redacted] Yeah. When they, he grabbed my hand I was just like – I, I don't know. I, I just felt scared. I didn't know what to do. So I just let myself go through the hole and that's when he put my hands behind my back and he threw me behind the vehicle.

[redacted] So was his vehicle parked really close --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - to the iron gate?

[redacted] It was really close to the iron gate.

[redacted] Okay so once he dragged you through there wasn't very far to travel. He just turned you around and kinda --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - put you up against the car?

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] And when he put you up against the car tell me about that experience. What was being said, what did you feel?

[redacted] He, the, the, the people in the park were talking so he wasn't folk, really focused on me as much. He was focused on them too, exchanging words.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] And that's when he threw me behind the vehicle. There was really not that much between me and him talking. I was just – I was the one

telling him like, -- What are you doing? -- Like, -- Leave me alone. – Like, why are you throwing me you're doing this, like --? --.

[redacted] Okay. Did you have your skateboard with you?

[redacted] No I did not.

[redacted] You left it in the --.

[redacted] It was still in the skatepark.

[redacted] Okay. And what did --.

[redacted] The skateboard stayed where it was basically.

[redacted] And you have a bag with you or something too?

[redacted] I had my bag sir and phone. They were inside of my car cause my phone was there, so I had no reason to take anything out of the vehicle.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] I was gonna go back to the grab my bag and stuff --

[redacted] Uh-huh?

[redacted] - when I was done skateboarding too. I didn't get the chance to do that. It was all left in the car.

[redacted] Okay so the only thing you left behind was your skateboard.

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] Then you didn't have it in your hand when you were on the other side of the gate or --?

[redacted] No I didn't. I went for --.

[redacted] At what point did you drop the skateboard?

[redacted] When I was tryin' to trick, so I was --

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] I was sweating and stuff, whatever, I was trying to trick, I put it down as soon as we started arguing.

[redacted] Okay so you walked up with nothing in your hands and walked up.

[redacted] I had (unintelligible) no hands.

[redacted] They grab you, they throw you against the car. Did they pat you down at that point?

[redacted] Not that I can remember. I'm like --.

[redacted] Okay. And then was there a discussion about handcuffing or why did they decide --

[redacted] No, no.

[redacted] - why do you think they put you in the car?

[redacted] Cause I was telling them to leave the kids alone. They got mad after that.

[redacted] Okay. So you were --

[redacted] They were --.

[redacted] - communicating with the group of people --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - and they didn't want you talking to the group of people anymore.

[redacted] The, the two kids I guess.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] And where was the rest of your group? Did they all kinda gather?

[redacted] They were, they were behind me too. They were like, we were close together.

[redacted] Was anybody on the other side of the iron gate or was it just --?

[redacted] Everybody was on the other side of the iron gate.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] Like --

[redacted] So the police --

[redacted] - inside of the skatepark. The two police were the only people outside.

[redacted] - the two police [redacted] are on this side, everybody else is on this side.

[redacted] They were kinda close to me in a way.

[redacted] Okay so they're all kind gathered around and what's being said between the group and the officers?

[redacted] The group was telling the officers to leave me alone and go mess with gang rappers. I was just skateboarding so they felt it was unfair.

[redacted] Um-hum.

[redacted] And they were telling em like, -- This is childish of you guys to be messing with someone who's innocent and hasn't done anything wrong.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] That was all. And then they were getting mad at us and they were more aggressive towards the skaters than the skaters were aggressive to them --

[redacted] Okay

[redacted] - They were against the skateboarders.

[redacted] They were being more aggressive towards the skaters --

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] - than the skaters --

[redacted] Right.

[redacted] - were towards them?

[redacted] And honestly like I've seen people who've been on drugs and I saw the officers, they looked like they were high on some type of drug.

[redacted] Tell me a little more about that.

[redacted] His eyes when he looked at me and I looked into his eyes, they were really red. He looked very angry and aggressive throughout the whole process of me getting thrown in the vehicle.

[redacted] Um-hum?

[redacted] And I just felt uncomfortable. I was scared, I didn't know what to do.

[redacted] And do you recall – is it both officers that looked like that or just one of em?

[redacted] The, the shorter one, he looked more aggressive than the other one but the other one wasn't listening to everything he'd say.

[redacted] Okay and so when we refer to the officers, I think if we can refer to them as the driver and the passenger. You know --

[redacted] The driver was the --

[redacted] - which one was driving, right?

[redacted] - more aggressive.

[redacted] Okay so the driver was the more aggressive one.

[redacted] Um-hum.

[redacted] And he was the one with you said the eyes looked --

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] - angry or somethin'. Somehow --

[redacted] I mean he really focused on the, the driver, not the passenger --

[redacted] The passenger.

[redacted] - the, the driver was the one giving all the attention to me and making me feel uncomfortable.

[redacted] Okay. Okay. Alright so at some point they decided that not only are you in the car but they're gonna, you're gonna go somewhere. At what point did you realize you're, you're, you're leaving the area in the back of this car?

[redacted] When was thrown behind the vehicle they were exchanging words still with the skateboarders.

[redacted] Uh-huh?

[redacted] And that's when they were like, -- You're, okay, so alright I'm gonna take you --. --. So they were in the vehicle exchanging words and the last thing I remember him sayin' was like, -- Oh you guys should already know the fuckin' program. --. That's what they told the skaters. And then they looked back at me and they were saying like, -- Oh, you're scared. You're scared. -- this and that. I'm like, -- What the hell? Like this is not – is this what you guys call justice? --.

[redacted] The officers are saying you're scared?

[redacted] Yeah, to me. They were like basically tryin' to scare me even more.

[redacted] And are both officers in the car with you at this point?

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] And they're continuing to exchange words with --

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] - the group of --.

[redacted] Yeah. Before, before they took off to --

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] - Alameda --

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] - Street and that was taking us to where the car crash happened.

[redacted] Okay so they say, -- You're scared, you're scared. – and, and then what?

[redacted] They were tellin' me that, -- Oh, we're gonna get you set up. We're gonna say you're from a rival gang. -- which is the, it's called the Santana or Banana somethin' like that? And they were gonna say that I was from there and they were gonna take me to an enemy gang's like hood.

[redacted] And they explained this to you before you start driving away?

[redacted] No, as like, like in the – literally like the park and the place they took me was like five minutes away. So it was, it was very fast, yeah.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] He was in the midst of driving.

[redacted] So before they drove away did they say anything else, any parting words to the group before they pulled away?

[redacted] They were just, the were just exchanging words, telling em, like, like they, they, he just ended up telling em like, -- You should already know the fucking program. -- And that's when the skaters are telling, -- You guys should be messing with gang bangers. --

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] - this and that.

[redacted] You should already know the fucking program. And then they drove away with you.

[redacted] Yes, they drove away.

[redacted] And at that point they're tellin' you what they're gonna do?

[redacted] Yeah, they were just really tryin' to scare me as much as they could. They're telling me they're gonna get me set up and say that I was from a, an enemy gang and take me to a different you know --

[redacted] Uh-huh.

[redacted] - a different hood.

[redacted] And who's doing most of the talking?

[redacted] Both of them at this point were doing the talking but it was the, it was the driver, the one doing most of the talking.

[redacted] Okay. Okay. So they, they tell you they're gonna drive you to rival gang territory, they're tellin' you you're scared, then what happens?

[redacted] So that's when we end up getting to 131st --

[redacted] Uh-huh.

[redacted] - where he makes a left and between the time of driving there he's drivin' really aggressive throughout the whole time, like that's how I knew something was suspicious about him. He was drivin' aggressive, hitting corners and stuff.

[redacted] Uh-huh?

[redacted] I didn't even have a seatbelt on or my handcuffs on or anything.

[redacted] Was that in fact discussed? Did he ask you to put a seatbelt on?

[redacted] No he did not. He wasn't even payin' attention to me. He was payin' attention to the skaters between the time of him driving off.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] He didn't tell me anything but like when we were on the way to the scene where the crash happened, he was telling me like, that's when he told me like he was gonna say that I'm from a, an enemy gang and he's gonna get me set up and stuff.

[redacted] Okay so he's driving you – at some point he's driving you to another area where he's gonna drop you off. And then he decides not to do that. Instead he starts chasing --?

[redacted] Yes, he makes a left on 131st --

[redacted] Uh-huh?

[redacted] - next to an alleyway off this main street. There's a group of five kids there at least 12 to 14 years old.

[redacted] Uh-huh.

[redacted] Minding their business and he does the same thing he did to the two people that I had told him to leave alone and I --.

[redacted] Tell me a little bit about the kids.

[redacted] The kids.

[redacted] How many?

[redacted] There was at least five/six kids.

[redacted] And are they on bicycles or they --?

[redacted] Yeah, they were in bicycles.

[redacted] All of em are on bicycles?

[redacted] Yeah. They were young, like twelve to thirteen years old. I saw a clear look at em yeah.

[redacted] And he accelerates towards them?

[redacted] He accelerates towards them and I was in the backseat. I'm like, --What is going on?--. He didn't even turn on his sirens or anything or call in, anything. He just went straight towards them. The kids, they disbursed, five of them. Four of them went towards the main street, that's where he stopped, one of them had enough time to go in the alleyway. There was one kid in the alleyway, like going down. He, the, the passenger came out the car and he, the, the driver told him like, --I'll go fucking get them. --. And then that's when he closed the door and he started running towards the main street. And that's where the kid already --.

[redacted] So the passenger jumped out. The passenger police officer jumped out and started running towards the main street?

[redacted] Yes, where all the kids – most of, the majority of the kids went down the main street and one kid was the only one to go in the alleyway.

[redacted] And that's who the driver ended up following --

[redacted] Yeah, the driver ended --

[redacted] - down the alley.

[redacted] - up going towards him.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] He was, alright so he closed the door and then he went into that alleyway and I noticed that alleyway was very narrow already and it, it took time for us to get onto the second alleyway where you make a right to notice that the alleyway got even more narrow and he's in a truck and I already knew this wasn't gonna work out. The kid was ahead of him so he ended up pressing the gas at least to 40 to 45 miles per hour, somethin' like that. He was going really fast. But the kid was already ahead since it took time for the guy to close the door. He was already ahead. So he tried catching up to him. The kid, there was a parked BMW on the left-hand side of the alleyway and a electricity pole with a wall with a black gate. I knew he wasn't gonna fit between the vehicle and the wall. The kid made it through, he kept going and then the officer, I even told him like, -- You're not gonna make it. --. I didn't have a seatbelt or anything so I just got prepared like I was in back of the you know, thingy? And then he ended up running into the vehicle, the parked vehicle and the wall, crashed, I hit my head. I had a gash above my eyebrow. I didn't notice until I got, until – okay, so that happened.

[redacted] Okay, alright. So we're at the point where there's an accident.

[redacted] Um-hum.

[redacted] Prior to that did you hear any communication over the radio between --?

[redacted] Nothing.

[redacted] Oh, he didn't put anything out on the radio?

[redacted] No, no sirens, anything.

[redacted] There was nothin' comin' in, goin' out? No sirens, no lights?

[redacted] Nothin' at all.

[redacted] (unintelligible). I'm sorry.

[redacted] No you're, that's okay. So, so you didn't hear any – no sirens and you didn't notice that they had lights on either.

[redacted] No.

[redacted] And they're, and you didn't hear any radio communication --

[redacted] Nothin' at all.

[redacted] - that you would typically hear, right? Like on a cop show or something --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - if you watch that and they're talking to the, at least like letting em know, -- Hey, we're pursuing somebody. --.

[redacted] No.

[redacted] Nothing like that?

[redacted] Um-um.

[redacted] When you got in the car, sorry to take you back just a little bit, when you got in the car and initially, was there any radio traffic to say --

[redacted] No.

[redacted] -- We have a subject --

[redacted] Never, no.

[redacted] - in custody. -- or --

[redacted] No.

[redacted] - anything like that? Okay.

[redacted] They were just talkin' to me tough.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] Tryin' to scare me.

[redacted] Alright, so now we're in the car, this accident just happened, you smack your head, that's crazy. So you're, you're sitting there now and now what's going on? What do you hear when you see --?

[redacted] So I hit my head but I opened my eyes like seconds after.

[redacted] Uh-huh?

[redacted] I look up and he, his bag went up onto him. His bag blew up. His --.

[redacted] His airbag?

[redacted] (No audible response.)

[redacted] Uh-huh?

[redacted] So he just put it, then he patted it down, he looked back, he jumped outta – he tried to open his door but the door was dented in cause of the accident. He couldn't open his door. He jumped out the window and that's when he jumped on top of the hood of his car and I noticed that like I didn't see him lookin' back and forth but when he went down he kept looking back and forth, tryin' to see if anybody was witnessing what happened. That's when I told him, I was like, -- Can you get me out please? I won't say anything. Can you get me out? --. And he, he literally like, my door was able to open. He opened my door. He's like, -- Get the fuck outta here. --. That's when I started walkin' away and people started running --.

[redacted] And you exited from the passenger, back passenger side or the back driver's side?

[redacted] Back driver's side.

[redacted] Back driver's side. And is that where they had put you in initially?

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] So you sat in the same seat --

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] - even though you got in an accident, you stayed in the same seat.

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] And just, when the accident happened like, I just, it was literally a straight-on collision so I kept my head forward and then, you know --

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] - backwards. But he let me out, yeah.

[redacted] When you were chasing the kid through the alley, did he say anything about the kid or, or anything about what he was --?

[redacted] No, nothin' was told at all. He was just chasing kids and I was confused.

Male Voice: (unintelligible) said anything at all, any words. And did he say anything? Was he talking to anyone or was he expressing anything towards him or saying anything about what he was seeing?

[redacted] Nope.

[redacted] Okay. So it's just silence in the car, he's going really fast in the alley.

[redacted] He got quiet cause his passenger, he, he left so --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - he had no one to talk to. He didn't say anything.

[redacted] Okay and he's not saying anything over the radio --

[redacted] No.

[redacted] - or talking on the phone or anything like that.

[redacted] No.

[redacted] He's not communicating with his partner.

[redacted] Not at all. He was just chasin' the kid.

[redacted] Okay, got it.

Male Voice: (unintelligible)?

[redacted] No he just, they literally just like I said, they came into them really fast and he just tell him like, -- Go get em. --. Like somethin' like that. I'm not sure if they wanted to have those kids like do somethin' to me or whatever but they just, he just got out of the car and he just started chasin' them. That's what happened right there.

[redacted] Okay so you don't remember any, thanks for answering that. You don't remember any conversations between the officers about why there were gonna chase --

[redacted] I was --

[redacted] - these kids or anything they were gonna do?

[redacted] - I was literally like, I just didn't know what was going on.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] Everything was happening so fast.

[redacted] So the only thing you remember them saying is, -- Go get those guys. --
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[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] After he jumps out, chases and you go through the alley with the driver.-

[redacted] Um-hum.

[redacted] You crash, so if, so now we're back to the car, he pulls you out of the driver passenger, the backseat pass, backseat driver's side, sorry.

[redacted] Backseat driver's side.

[redacted] And then after he pulls you out, what happens?

[redacted] He was kinda like, -- Get the fuck outta here. -- like, -- Leave. --. That's why I wasn't gonna say anything.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] I end up walking to the end of the alley and that's when I noticed I had blood on my shirt cause I looked down. I didn't even notice I was bleeding cause it was so, it happened so fast.

[redacted] Um-hum.

[redacted] So I lift my shirt up and cover my, up over my eyebrow where I was bleeding, put pressure on it. I ended up walking to the neighbor. There was neighbors there taking out groceries from their vehicle. And I end up sayin' like, -- Can I please use your phone? I need to call [redacted] as fast as I can. -- you know? -- I just got into an accident. -- I told em, -- Some crooked police stuff is happening. --. That's what I told em.

[redacted] Uh-huh.

[redacted] They were like, -- Oh, don't worry. --. He's like, they gave me a water bottle, they gave me the phone, I phone [redacted] As soon as I call my dad he started making his way to the scene.

[redacted] So when you initially ran into the neighbors, they were in the, in the alley taking --?

[redacted] No, they were – a lot of, sorry. A lot of people started coming out of the alleyway.

[redacted] Uh-huh.

[redacted] They started looking. But I was just walking. I just wanted to get to somebody with a phone.

[redacted] So you walked through the alley. Tell me about where you went.

[redacted] I walked, I walked straight down the alley and then you make a left and you're already on the neighborhood side. And that's what I did. I just walked straight down.

[redacted] Okay so you're in the neighborhood's drive, side, and then it's just a normal street, not an alley anymore.

[redacted] Yeah, a regular street.

[redacted] And you're walkin' by some neighbors that were taking out their trash.

[redacted] Taking their groceries into the house.

[redacted] I'm sorry, groceries into the house. And then did they, did you just hang out outside?

[redacted] I was in, in the alley, I, I didn't wanna go into their front room. I was just hangin' out like on the front yard facing --.

[redacted] Like on the sidewalk?

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] And I just told em if I had permission to use their phone and he let me use his phone.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] That's when I phoned [redacted] and he made his way to the scene and as I was doing that a lot of vehicles started showing up and then I had heard through, through other people that supposedly there was somebody holding a gun or something like that. And the helicopter started showing up.

[redacted] So at this point, when you're standing with the neighbors, this is the first you hear about them looking for someone with a gun?

[redacted] Well I hear afterwards, after that.

[redacted] Okay. So just when you're with the neighbors, the conversations that are had are just the, you're saying, -- Hey, some crooked stuff -- --

[redacted] Yeah, I --.

[redacted] - is going on, you call [redacted] on his way, what else happens at that neigh[redacted]

[redacted] I'm just sitting in the front while police show up and there's two officers, they were standing right there or deputies, whatever, they were lookin' towards me the whole time and I was holding the shirt above my head. Nobody told me anything. A lot of sheriff like deputies were staring at me but nobody approached me or anything. So I was confused. I was like, I know for a fact I was not arrested, I was, I didn't do anything wrong to be thrown in the vehicle, so I was just standing there waiting fo[redacted] to come.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] He called me, tell me it was, that he was there and I saw him from a distance cause they had covered the streets up with caution tape over there?

[redacted] And were you inside that area or outside that area?

[redacted] I was inside of the area the whole time.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] And I just saw a bunch of sheriff's everywhere.

[redacted] So time is, let's see. Yeah, eleven o'clock, an[redacted] is steppin' out.

[redacted] Yes, I apologize. Thank you everyone.

[redacted] Bye.

[redacted] Okay. So sorry, were you inside or outside of this cautioned-off area?

[redacted] I was inside of it.

[redacted] Inside of it.

[redacted] I was tryin' to make my way --.

[redacted] And at that point did you know why there was all this like --?

[redacted] I did not know.

[redacted] Okay, so lots of police activity happening, what did you, what did you see and hear as far as the police activity?

[redacted] I just saw a bunch of like two helicopters roaming and then I though it was just cause of the accident that happened in the alley. I had nothing, I didn't have any knowledge of what happened with someone holding a gun or anything at all before I got handcuffed eventually but I was --. Alright, so [redacted] was behind the tape and he was pointing. He's like, -- That's [redacted] --.

[redacted] Uh-huh.

[redacted] And he come to me and like, -- I need to take him to the doctor to go get checked. -- cause I was bleeding. And I, I was even lookin' at him and told me, he's like, -- Walk towards me. --. And like, like pointing and like walking towards him and the two officers --

[redacted] You're --

[redacted] - that were starin' at me --.

[redacted] - you're talkin' to [redacted]

[redacted] Yeah, not in earshot.

[redacted] You're on the phone with him?

[redacted] On the phone, yes.

[redacted] Okay. So then at that point you give the phone back to the neighbor?

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] And start walkin' towards your [redacted]

[redacted] I, I start walking towards my [redacted] and the, the same two deputies that were starin' at me the whole time talking between each other, I just found it suspicious that as soon as I start walking towards my [redacted] one of the deputies, he ends up lookin' at me. He's like, -- Oh, that's the fucking guy. --. And they just put me in handcuffs. I don't know why, as I was walking towards my [redacted].

[redacted] And these are two different deputies.

[redacted] Two different --

[redacted] Not the same ones that you --

[redacted] - two different deputies.

[redacted] - had encountered earlier?

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] Two completely different ones. And I was telling em, I was like, what are you doing? Is there any reason for you to be handcuffing me? I haven't done anything wrong. --. He's like, -- I don't know yet. -- He's, that how he told me. He said, -- I don't know yet.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] And he threw me behind the vehicle and --.

[redacted] Behind the what vehicle?

[redacted] Behind the sheriff vehicle, another one.

[redacted] A, a new vehicle, a different vehicle

[redacted] A new vehicle. He threw me behind the --.

[redacted] Was that right in front of the, that's right in front of the neigh, the neighbor's house that were helping you.

[redacted] It was two houses away from it, yeah.

[redacted] Two houses down.

[redacted] That was as I was going down like to try to pass the cops and (unintelligible).

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] That's when they saw me and they put me in handcuffs and they said, -- That's the fuckin' guy. -- And I was confused. I was like, -- What do you mean? I don't know anything that's going on. --.

[redacted] Okay. You okay? You wanna take a drink of water or take a break or anything?

[redacted] I'm good.

[redacted] You doin' okay?

[redacted] (No audible response.)

[redacted] Okay. So the officer at that point puts you in handcuffs?

[redacted] (No audible response.)

[redacted] And are you standing behind the vehicle or did you they put you in?

[redacted] I was standing next to the, to the driver's side behind the, like where the back seat is? I was standing next to that door.

[redacted] Okay are you facing the vehicle?

[redacted] Not that I can remember. I think I was not facing it but I had handcuffs on.

[redacted] Okay. And an officer was standing right next to you?

[redacted] Yeah and he was not paying attention to me when I kept telling him like what I'm bein' handcuffed for.

[redacted] Alright.

[redacted] He just kept telling me like, he'll tell me like he doesn't know why.

[redacted] Okay. And did they pat you down at that point?

[redacted] I think he did pat me down, yes.

[redacted] Okay. Real quick, jumpin' back to these neighbors, you said there's some sketchy police stuff going on. Did you go into detail or talk to them in detail about what had happened?

[redacted] I told them that I was tryin' to thrown into a vehicle for now reason and that they just ended up getting into an accident in the alleyway. That's what I told em.

[redacted] Okay. And when you were at that house, how many people were there that you were talking to?

[redacted] At least seven people.

[redacted] Seven people?

[redacted] Family, yeah.

[redacted] Okay. And was anybody taking a lead in that or engaging with you specifically?

[redacted] Mostly it was two girls that were providing the water and care.

[redacted] Um-hum.

[redacted] I'm really appreciative of em. But the, the guy was the one, or a girl, handed me her phone, yeah --

[redacted] Okay

[redacted] - to talk to [redacted]

[redacted] Okay. Okay so now we're back at the police car, you're handcuffed, you're just kinda standing there. You're not like up against the car, he's not controlling you, he's just kind of ignoring you.

[redacted] Yeah he's like --.

[redacted] And you're trying to talk to him?

[redacted] Yeah, I was tryin' to, I kept questioning like, -- Why am I being arrested? --.

[redacted] Um-hum.

[redacted] -- Am I being arrested? Am I being detained? -- and he wasn't telling me anything.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] So then he put me behind the vehicle.

[redacted] And where, did you try to explain to him what had happened or were you just asking questions?

[redacted] I was just asking questions. I'm pretty sure that he already had a walkie talkies and stuff to talk about what was going on and stuff. I was just sitting there confused myself. I didn't know what was going happening at that point.

[redacted] So during that time could you hear the radio traffic?

[redacted] No, I could not.

[redacted] Okay you just assumed he was talking prior to meeting with you?

[redacted] Well, I don't know. He just had a phone. I thought that there was like group chat, I like, it was, I didn't see clearly but it was just like he was just, kept texting for his phone.

[redacted] And this is the officer --

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] - standing next to you while you're handcuffed.

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] Okay. The, the encounters that you had with the officers prior, the driver and the passenger officer before, did you see communication on the cell phone or text before that?

[redacted] No.

[redacted] Okay. So this is the first time you notice something like that.

[redacted] Yes, um-hum.

[redacted] Okay. Okay so he's not answering your questions and he's ignoring you and then what happens?

[redacted] He threw me behind the, on the back side basically of the vehicle and that's when he, when he left and I saw the same driver guy, he passed by the vehicle and he was looking at me and he was just like, he looked angry like he was --.

[redacted] You were inside of the car at this point?

[redacted] Yeah, inside the car looking at him.

[redacted] You're in the backseat --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - handcuffed.

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] And he walks by and looks at you.

[redacted] Yeah and he was like lookin' at me like, like if he's mad or somethin'. I didn't really hear what he was sayin' but he sounded like really mad.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] There was so many like deputies all around, there was like a lot of vehicles there. Like at least 20.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] And so he ends up going to the, to, to go on his computer to run my name basically.

[redacted] And this is the officer who --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - put the handcuffs on you.

[redacted] Yeah the one that – not, not the one that got in the accident with me but a different one.

[redacted] Yeah, the one that put the handcuffs on you.

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] He was on the front seat and he's putting --

[redacted] Yeah he asked for my name.

[redacted] - something on the computer? Yeah.

[redacted] He asked for my name and I guess he ran my name through the system.

[redacted] Now had that happened before when you initially got into the police car, did they ask --

[redacted] This was the first time ever.

[redacted] - did they ever ask you for your identification?

[redacted] No, not at all.

[redacted] Or how 'bout your name?

[redacted] Nope.

[redacted] They didn't say, -- What's your name? --.

[redacted] They didn't ask me my name, nothin'.

[redacted] They didn't ask you any questions at all, they just threw you in the back of the car and got you away from your friends.

[redacted] And the first thing they wanted to do is just tell me that they're gonna get me set up.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] Just like that.

[redacted] Alright, so the first time that you are asked for your name is in the backseat of the car of the officer who just handcuffed you.

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] And do you have an ID or are you just telling him what he needed?

[redacted] I had all my belongings in the backpack in the vehicle at the park.

[redacted] Okay

[redacted] I had my phone, my wallet and everything.

[redacted] So how is he running your name? You, you've --.

[redacted] I told him.

[redacted] You told him what your name was --

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] - and then did he ask your date of birth as well?

[redacted] I think so.

[redacted] And did you provide that information?

[redacted] I provided everything he asked for.

[redacted] Okay you didn't refuse anything.

[redacted] I didn't cause I had nothing to hide.

[redacted] Got it.

[redacted] I've literally never been pulled over by the police.

[redacted] Okay. So he's running your name now in the computer and then what happens?

[redacted] So as he runs my name I keep asking for medical attention but it takes --.

[redacted] What are you asking for? What are you saying?

[redacted] Like, -- Can I get, can I get medical attention cause I have a cut above my eyebrow that I'm just bleeding? You know, it doesn't stop bleeding. --. And he's like, -- Yeah, hold on, hold on. -- And he kept sayin', -- Hold on. -- every other 20 to 10 minutes.

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] And it took like about, approximately an hour for the ambulance to actually come and attend me.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] I was just in the backseat. Like most of the time he wasn't in the car. I was just sitting there like for minutes, minutes.

[redacted] And was the blood just dripping down your face? Are you --

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] - just holding it over and just dripping on your leg or just sitting there bleeding?

[redacted] It, it, at that point it, it stopped but it was slightly still bleeding.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] Um-hum.

[redacted] Okay so between, you said it took about an hour for the ambulance to come?

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] And in that time what did you hear, what did you experience during that whole hour you're waiting for, in, in, you're in the back of the car the whole time?

[redacted] Yeah. I'm in the back of the car. The officer, when he ran my name, he was only in there for like about eight minutes and after that I was just there.

[redacted] So he got out --

[redacted] He got out --

[redacted] - and left you in there by yourself?

[redacted] - deputies were around the vehicle but they were talking between themselves and I was just sitting there. And whenever I got the chance

to see somebody pass right there, I would ask for medical attention but nobody was getting back to me as much.

[redacted] So when you were in the back seat, was the car on?

[redacted] Not that I remember.

[redacted] Were the windows down?

[redacted] I don't remember any – the front one was down. The front window was down.

[redacted] The driver's window was down?

[redacted] The back window was not down.

[redacted] Okay so that's why you were able to hear the conversations? Where the front --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - the front driver's window was down --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - and you were shouting, -- Hey --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - I need help. -- or something like that?

[redacted] Um-hum.

[redacted] Okay. Approximately how many times do you think you asked for help?

[redacted] I asked like six times. I told em as soon as I was already being handcuffed I told him like, -- Oh, like I'm bleeding from my head. --, just like that.

[redacted] Okay.

Male Voice: Did you hear when they called in the ambulance?

[redacted] I didn't.

Male Voice: So you don't know what point in time it was actually called in.

[redacted] I knew, well from the estimate in my head I was timing it. I took like at least 45 to an hour.

Male Voice: So it took the ambulance to get there.

[redacted] Yeah.

Male Voice: Right, but you don't know when exactly they called it in?

[redacted] I kept asking them and they told me hold on. That's the only answers I was getting.

[redacted] Asking them when? So was there --?

Male Voice: Well did you ever hear them actually go over like their radio or --

[redacted] Oh!

Male Voice: - ask if (unintelligible)?

[redacted] Like 30, 30 to 40 minutes actually, I was asking. Cause I was getting nothing but "hold on" and it took like 35/40 minutes to actually get em calling an ambulance.

[redacted] Did they ever, when did, at what point like, you, you say you're waiting for the ambulance. How did you know you were waiting for the ambulance? Did someone say, -- Yeah, it's coming.--? Or did --

[redacted] No.

[redacted] - they say, like --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - did they say, -- We called one. --? Did they let you know they had called one?

[redacted] They, they, they told me that one was on the way --

[redacted] Okay. So --

[redacted] - like 30 to 40 minutes, like 35 to 40 minutes afterwards. Cause I kept telling them and they kept telling me to hold on.

[redacted] Okay, so 30 to 40, 30 to 40 minutes after you were in the backseat of the car handcuffed --

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] They finally said, somebody told you --

[redacted] Yeah that they're gonna be on the way.

[redacted] And do you remember who told that was who told you that?

[redacted] Not clearly but I, I sort of – it was the guy that was basically, the first dude that handcuffed me and ran my name through the computer and I was just --.

[redacted] He just shouted through the window, -- Yeah, there's an ambulance on the way. --, --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - or somethin' like that?

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] Okay. So he didn't get in and tell you that or anything like that.

[redacted] No.

[redacted] He just said --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - -- An ambulance is on the way. --. Okay and then it's probably another 30 minutes before --

[redacted] Yeah like --

[redacted] - it arrives?

[redacted] - I mean 30 to 45 minutes before it arrived.

[redacted] Okay. I know – yeah, go ahead.

Male Voice: When you're giving us this timeframe, are these estimates in your head or is there like a clock in the car that you're looking at?

[redacted] It was, I, I literally like – okay, so I estimated the timeframe when it happened at the park, iPhone shows the time that actually happens. I, it literally added up to, it was like 4:30 or somethin'. It, it's, it started like a two somethin' when the incident started going on. And it doesn't take a long time to get to the, to where the accident happened, the car crashes. So it was already like 4/4:40, somethin' by the time I was at the hospital.

Male Voice: So you're, you're estimating for yourself when, when you know --

[redacted] Yeah.

Male Voice: - from when it started to when you were, when they (unintelligible) timeframe from there.

[redacted] Yes. It was – I don't know, I guess it was clear, cause you know, you're sitting somewhere, you estimate time, how long it'll take to, for somebody to show up there.

Male Voice: Yeah.

[redacted] Okay, so ambulance arrives. What happens? You're in the back of the car and when, at what point do you notice that, how do you know that they've arrived?

[redacted] The arrived cause he took me out of the vehicle.

[redacted] Same, same officer that who cuffed you?

[redacted] Yeah, then a completely different one comes to. I remember his face barely. Kind of short, Hispanic but basically he wanted him to escort me to the hospital with the ambulance --

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] - at that time, yeah. So I kept questioning when I got the vehicle, I was like, -- Am I bein' arrested? Am I bein' detained? --. One of the officers even said like, -- No, you're not. -- And that's when I told him cause the ambulance right? -- So, why am I handcuffed this whole time? Why am I bein' handcuffed? --. He said he doesn't know. So they put on top of the, the, the bed and they put like a neck brace on me too and throughout that time I'm gonna be honest, I don't remember if I was handcuffed or not when I got put on the, on the bed. I don't remember if they took it off or not.

[redacted] This is like a gurney that they had pulled off of an ambulance?

[redacted] Uh-huh.

[redacted] Alright, it's on wheels?

[redacted] The, yeah, the chair.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] Yeah it's --.

[redacted] You don't remember when they put you on there if you're still handcuffed or not.

[redacted] I remember them putting me on there but throughout that time I don't know if he took the handcuffs off. Or actually, I think he did take the handcuffs off of me after I told him like if I was bein' detained, he told me no and I told him, -- Then why am I bein' handcuffed? --.

[redacted] Alright.

[redacted] He ended it takin' em off of me just to sit on the, on the bed.

[redacted] Okay. So I can imagine if this was happening to me I'd be pretty upset.

[redacted] I was upset.

[redacted] Are you expressing that? How are you expressing that?

[redacted] I was just more so, I was just very shook. I, I knew that I was like – there, there was no point in tryin' to be aggressive towards anyone cause it was just, it was just the police you know?

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] In general. I was just sad right there. I felt, I felt like crushed basically. As in my feelings, I didn't know what to do. I was sitting on the bed, I was bleeding from my head and I knew I didn't do anything wrong throughout the whole process, so it was just unfair to me the whole time while I was sitting in the ambulance.

[redacted] Okay. Do you remember when you're in the ambulance are you handcuffed to maybe the side of the bed?

[redacted] I think I was.

[redacted] You think so?

[redacted] I think so but I was talking to the ambulance too. I told em also like what happened.

[redacted] And when you're in the back of the ambulance is it just you and the paramedic?

[redacted] It's just me and the paramedic.

[redacted] That's it?

[redacted] The, the sheriff, the other one that came to escort me to the hospital, he was behind the whole time, following the ambulance.

[redacted] Okay. How long do you think was between, from the time you got in the ambulance and by the time you arrived where you were going?

[redacted] It was less than ten minutes cause Martin Luther King Hospital is not far at all from where the incident happened.

[redacted] Okay. Did you have enough time to explain to the paramedic what --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - was going on?

[redacted] It was, everything happened fast so I had enough time to explain the story.

[redacted] Yeah?

[redacted] I mean like between the accident --

[redacted] Uh-huh?

[redacted] - and at the park, it was literally less than ten minutes to get to the accident. No, to the, less than 20 minutes all in general.

[redacted] Okay and what was that conversation like?

[redacted] I just told him that I didn't do anything wrong, the threw me behind the vehicle and they got into an accident just – I just explained to him basically what I explained to you.

[redacted] And did he say anything to you?

[redacted] They just told me like, -- Don't worry. You're gonna be okay. --.

[redacted] Uh-huh.

[redacted] Like you know, -- The police always do stuff like this around this area. -- is what he told me.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] And that he often like encounters people that think that happens to them like that.

[redacted] Okay. And was it just you and one paramedic in the back?

[redacted] It was two.

[redacted] Two paramedics in the back?

[redacted] (No audible response.)

[redacted] And were you talking to one of them or were they both engaging in --?

[redacted] They were both engaging.

[redacted] Okay. Alright, so then you arrive at the hospital and then what happens?

[redacted] I'm still on the, on the bed or whatnot and then there's the sheriff that was literally not givin' me no, no space, anything at all. And [redacted] he also --.

[redacted] Hang on just a second. Is this a new officer?

[redacted] No it's, it's the one that was escorting me --

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] - to the hospital. He was there the whole time.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] Like, so [redacted] he had to follow it too.

[redacted] Uh-huh?

[redacted] He had followed to the hospital but the wouldn't let him in the room cause all that was going on. So they only let me and the officer in.

[redacted] And that's just one officer?

[redacted] Yeah, there's one officer.

[redacted] It's not the one who cuffed you, it's the other one who they brought --

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] - just for you. Okay.

[redacted] Yes and wen I'm going up I just noticed that he wasn't giving me enough space. I kept asking him like, -- Dude, you even told me that I wasn't being detained. Why are you still following me? --. I just felt like I was being followed the whole time and he's just being quiet like, -- I don't know. I don't know. --. That's all he was giving me.

[redacted] And so you get outta, out of the ambulance and are they put in a wheelchair or you walk in?

[redacted] Yes, I was put in a wheelchair.

[redacted] Okay. You're in a wheelchair and the sheriff is right next to you?

[redacted] Yes, the whole time.

[redacted] So he just stands like parallel, like walking with you.

[redacted] Like side by side.

[redacted] Like side by side, okay.

[redacted] Yes and he's just ignoring everything I'm saying.

[redacted] He's not saying anything to you --

[redacted] Not saying anything.

[redacted] - or asking you any questions?

[redacted] He wasn't trying to ask me.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] He's like, -- I'm just here to like escort you. --.

[redacted] Okay. Alright so you're in the hospital and where do they take you?

[redacted] They take me – I'm, I'm not sure what floor, but they take me to a, to a room. Like there's multiple dividers and stuff. You know how you have curtains and stuff?

[redacted] Uh-huh?

[redacted] That take me to a place like that. But, or as soon as we get into like the main place where you go to have your own room there's like a group of five deputies already sitting there, talking between each other and the deputy that was with me, he like, he let's the nurse lady push me and he starts talking with them for a little bit and that's when I get put on the bed and he comes back towards me.

[redacted] That's when you get put in a bed?

[redacted] Yeah. I got put on, on the bed basically.

[redacted] Okay, so then he, the same guy comes back and he stands next to your bed?

[redacted] Um-hum.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] Throughout the whole time, yes.

[redacted] And then what happens?

[redacted] I was just, I wanted to be in contact with [redacted] again and I kept sayin' if I could call [redacted] And it was takin' him a while to --.

[redacted] So asking the officer?

[redacted] Yeah, I was asking the officer.

[redacted] Okay. And what's he saying?

[redacted] I don't really remember that well but it did take like, like ten minutes for me to get in contact with [redacted]

[redacted] Did he let you use his phone or --?

[redacted] I'm not sure if it was his phone. I, I also asked the nurse ladies there too. I think it was one of their phones.

[redacted] One of the nurse's phones?

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] Okay. So at some point you get on a phone, you're able to reach out and call [redacted]

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] Okay and what happens then?

[redacted] I just told him that I was like I'm getting attended to and that, that they had told met that I was gonna get stitches too.

[redacted] Uh-huh?

[redacted] So I was just sitting on the bed waiting for that to happen.

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] The whole time like the sheriff was just like, like literally not even five feet apart from me. He was just standing there the whole time (unintelligible).

[redacted] Okay. So the doctors and nurses are attending to you and they're taking care of your cut. Anything else relevant happen?

[redacted] Well, whatchamacallit? I, I feel like the nurses, they felt like something was suspicious cause they were even telling the sheriff to step away and the sheriff was not listening to them either. Even when they were tryin' to go in the process of stitching me up they're, he's supposed to be some feet away and he was not listening to the, to the male nurse either.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] The male nurse was even like, like kind of like tell, tellin' like basically like this is bullshit, like, like what you're doing basically. Like he said he felt somethin' suspicious as well.

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] Yeah, throughout the process of him stitching me he noticed that the officer was not even tryin' to show any respect, moving away or anything. He was just there the whole time.

[redacted] Okay. Did the male nurse say anything to you about it?

[redacted] He just told me like I'm gonna be okay type stuff.

[redacted] Okay, so he's just comforting you?

[redacted] Yeah he didn't even know what was happening.

[redacted] Did you have an opportunity to tell the story about what happened to anybody at the hospital?

[redacted] I did, yes.

[redacted] Who's that?

[redacted] Basically I remember I did.

[redacted] The what?

[redacted] Who?

[redacted] Like the, the people that were there?

[redacted] Uh-huh?

[redacted] Like the nurses? They, I just told them like, like this is not cool. I was complaining with the dude. I was there arguing but he wasn't really answering me back. I was tellin' him like, -- I'm innocent. I haven't done anything wrong. --.

[redacted] You were complaining to the police officer.

[redacted] Yeah. And he was just lookin' at me but he wasn't even tryin' to give me attention or anything.

[redacted] Okay so you're tryin' to tell your story to the police officer?

[redacted] Yeah and I guess they overheard.

[redacted] Medical staff in the room there overhearing. Okay but you didn't have a conversation directly with the medical staff about what happened?

[redacted] No.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] Actually, the – take that, they make you fill the paper like basically like what had happened. So then --

[redacted] Uh-huh?

[redacted] - you, you, they summarize there, like what I had to, I had wrote down basically.

[redacted] Okay so you wrote down the story about what happened and they saw that.

[redacted] Um-hum.

[redacted] Okay. Alright so after you get stitched up, what happened?

[redacted] Right there, I think it took some time. That's where he ended up getting bringing out a ticket book and that's when I was confused. I was like, -- What am I --? --. He wanted me to sign a ticket. And I was completely confused. I was like, -- What am I signing this ticket for? There is not reason for me to be signing a ticket even though you said I wasn't being detained or whatnot. So he wasn't tryin' to tell me anything. He wouldn't explain basically, like he couldn't lift up the tape and see what the citation had said. So I, it took for me to grab the ticket book, like I gently grabbed it from his hands, looked and he literally handed it to me. I lifted up the tape where it like holds the ticket on the metal plate on the bottom. It literally said right there that I was under the influence of methamphetamine and that when I kind of like, I was scared. I was like, -- What the hell? --. Like did they really just do that to me? Are they really trying to have me sign the ticket? Even after I had loudly said it, -- I am not under the influence of drugs, you guys can test me if you guys want to, right here, right then. --. The lady had said, -- We can't do that sir. -- cause of Covid or somethin' like that. We don't have like the, the, what do you say, like the opportunity to do that. And I was like --.

[redacted] Sorry, the, the medical staff, someone on the medical staff?

[redacted] Yeah the medical

[redacted] Do you know, was it a female nurse --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - a male nurse?

[redacted] I told them like, -- If you guys wanna take a test right now we can do it to show you guys that I'm not under the influence of everything, of anything. -- you know? And he was just standing there and I said, -- I'm not gonna sign the ticket. I can't do that. Like, I haven't done anything wrong. --. He was like, -- Oh well if you don't sign it them we're gonna take you to jail. --. And that, at that point I, I was, I had to call [redacted] and I had told him what the citation had said. And he was on the phone with like another lawyer I think but [redacted] ended up telling me like, -- I think it's best that you sign it cause if you don't, they're gonna take you to jail and probably harass you right there. --. So I, I was – I had no choice at the moment. I think it was, I didn't wanna sign it. I wasn't going to but [redacted] thought it was the best for me to just sign it so they would leave me alone.

[redacted] Okay so you mentioned something that was a little bit interesting. If you could do your best to remember exactly the circumstances where someone on the medical staff said that they can't do a drug test? Can you talk to me about that in just as much detail as you can?

[redacted] I had literally asked, I just told him like I, I was completely confident I wasn't under the influence of any drug. I told him if I can get a test right now like if there's any way I can get a test --.

[redacted] You said, "I told them". Are you talking about the officer?

[redacted] The, the, I was talkin' to everybody in general. I was just --.

[redacted] Okay, there was other people in the medical staff --

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] - in the room?

[redacted] I was tellin them, like gently. I wasn't even bein' aggressive. I was just like, -- Is there any way I can take a test --.

[redacted] Um-hum?

[redacted] - just to prove to you guys that I'm not under the influence of anything. -- ? I was calm throughout the whole process and everything. I was just shocked that I was ready to go through the process of what was going on.

[redacted] Um-hum.

[redacted] So yeah, I had some - and they told me that they weren't able to do a test at the moment cause something with Covid, like something that they would call it like the glass or something --

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] - I forget or something.

[redacted] And do you, you don't remember who said that on the medical staff?

[redacted] It was a lady. I don't remember her face to be, or here name, but I know it was a lady.

[redacted] Okay. Okay. So your [redacted] advises you, -- It's probably best if you sign the ticket. --.

[redacted] Yeah cause the sheriff, he wasn't giving me my space or anything.

[redacted] Um-hum.

[redacted] He told me if I don't sign it, -- You're gonna go to jail. --.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] -- We're gonna have to take you to jail. --.

[redacted] Now at this point in the hospital, are you handcuffed to a bed or are you just free and he's just standing next to you?

[redacted] Like I said, I think I was handcuffed to the bed. I don't really remember clearly you know.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] Got it. Alright so you, so – I mean you, I don't know if you, if this helps you but when you're using the phone, is it a struggle because your hand is tied down?

[redacted] I'm using my right hand for sure. I think I had enough room to – I don't, I don't really --.

[redacted] Just don't quite remember if you were tied --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - to that bed or not?

[redacted] Cause honestly, after the accident right there but --

[redacted] Yeah, I understand.

[redacted] - I remember, I remember like the clear points where I felt like I was scared. That's why I remember everything briefly.

[redacted] Okay. Okay.

[redacted] Not clearly.

[redacted] So you signed the citation?

[redacted] I had to sign it. That way, if I wouldn't have signed it he would-a took me to jail. I don't know what would-a happened from there on. But throughout that whole process I felt unsafe. I felt scared.

[redacted] Uh-huh.

[redacted] I didn't know what to do so I just signed the ticket and --.

[redacted] And what happens then?

[redacted] After I signed the ticket book, that's when he's tellin' me like, -- Oh, can we get a pee sample from him? --. And the first thing I said was, -- No, I'm not gonna give you a pee sample cause I don't know if you guys are gonna do something to the pee sample. -- you know? That's, that's what I thought.

[redacted] Okay. So, and this is important, so before the medical staff said, -- We can't give him a drug, a drug test --

[redacted] Um-hum.

[redacted] - because of Covid. --.

[redacted] I wanted to, I thought it was like a blood test or something like that.

[redacted] Got it. So then when the officer asks specifically, -- Can we get him a urine test? --.

[redacted] Afterwards, when, when I had signed the ticket --

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] - that's when he asked.

[redacted] Okay. And you refused the urine test.

[redacted] Yes and I didn't even get a test.

[redacted] Okay. Talk to me about what's goin' through your head. Talk to me about why you, why at that point, after you had already asked for a drug test, why are you now saying (unintelligible)?

[redacted] So he was the one asking for it and he was gonna take it for himself. I was not gonna trust a deputy that's not even listening to me or anything and I'm, you know, there. Obviously if he uses that power against me, I wasn't gonna allow him to take that test. I don't know if he would of done something to the pee or something like that you know?

[redacted] Got it.

[redacted] I asked respectfully towards the hospital employees, the nurses to take my test. I would trust them more than the police officers you know.

[redacted] And when you're asking for it, were you saying, -- Can I have a blood test? --? I was just asking in general, -- Can I have a test? --. And the medical staff said, -- No, because of Covid restrictions.

[redacted] Yeah. I was gonna ask for a blood test, yes.

[redacted] But specifically –

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] - asked for a blood test. Okay. And then when the officer said – did he say to you, -- Can I get a urine test sample? -- or did he say to the medical staff, -- Can you give him a, a, a urine test sample? --?

[redacted] I think, I think he told me.

[redacted] He asked directly to you --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - --Can I get a urine --? --. Did he have a cup in his hand like --?

[redacted] I think he did, yeah. At that point I think he had a cup in his hand.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] And is the medical staff still in the area?

[redacted] They were present cause --

[redacted] They're all there?

[redacted] - like the open curtain right there and everybody's just workin', like the office is there right in front of us.

[redacted] Okay. So after you had asked for a blood test, they, medical staff said no, then the officer approaches you and says, -- I need you to pee in this cup. -- or --

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] - -- I need a urine sample from you. --?

[redacted] (No audible response.)

[redacted] And at that point you're feeling --.

[redacted] I just felt unsafe.

[redacted] And you're saying --

[redacted] I wasn't gonna do it.

[redacted] - and you're saying no to the officer about that. Okay then what happens?

[redacted] From there – well, when I signed the ticket he just – and he did, he wasn't gonna give me the extra, you know, the yellow paper --

[redacted] The receipt?

[redacted] - until I asked for it. That's when he gave it to me. And then from there he was like, -- Okay. --. He just walked off. And then all of the other officers that was there just walked off. I got, it was like four more officers that came into my area as well.

[redacted] And at that point you're still on the bed?

[redacted] Yeah, I'm on the bed.

[redacted] The whole time? How many officers --

[redacted] Yeah, and I'm like --.

[redacted] - were there in your room.

[redacted] - four, four officers are on my bed. Even when he was tryin' to like tell me to sign the ticket and I was sittin' there, -- No. --. The lady was right there and there, there was a, a lady officer as well and another male officer. So it was like three or four people in general, officers. But they were just surrounding me, wanting me to sign the ticket and I didn't wanna do it.

[redacted] Okay so then you signed it and then did he, did he argue with you about the urine test? Did he try to compel you --

[redacted] No, and then --

[redacted] - to use it?

[redacted] - he just said, -- Okay then. --.

[redacted] He said, -- Fine. -- and then, --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - and then --.

[redacted] And when I signed that I felt like he felt like just need like (unintelligible).

[redacted] So did he ask you to take the urine sample before or after you signed the citation?

[redacted] After.

[redacted] So you sign the citation, then he asks you to for a urine test, and then you say no --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - and how long from the time you said no until the officers all left?

[redacted] It probably took like five minutes.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] Or like three minutes.

[redacted] And did anybody sug-, like try to get you to do that and said, -- Hey, you know, like you're just puttin' yourself in the officer's shoes right? Like, if were an officer, you'd say, -- Hey, you just told me you're not in the inter- , un, under the influence. Why don't you just prove that? --. --. Or did they come back to you for anything or did they --?

[redacted] Well no, cause it was more so on his hand. He had, he like, he, he wanted to take the cup for himself. Nobody even told me that. They just told me I'm gonna be okay.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] Alright, so no arguments, no --

[redacted] No .

[redacted] - asking again. They just, they --

[redacted] They just left.

[redacted] - very quickly they all just left.

[redacted] They just left.

[redacted] Okay. Alright, so now you're in the hospital, no officers are there and just the medical staff and you.

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] Okay? Then what happens?

[redacted] They, basically after that had happened I had, I had already got stitched up and everything and I was ready to go.

[redacted] Uh-huh.

[redacted] And I was a, I just walked downstairs to [redacted] and he was already in the parking lot and I just got in the car.

[redacted] Okay so the medical staff, did anybody escort you out?

[redacted] I, I, I felt like I could just walk down.

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] They told me like to be okay like, everything's gonna be alright, yeah.

[redacted] Okay. How long was it after the officers left that you left?

[redacted] Probably like, like five, six minutes. Like I said, --

[redacted] Alright.

[redacted] - they probably left within I'd say a three and a two minutes after that.

[redacted] Okay so they all leave and in just a couple minutes you're ready to go.

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] You walk outside and you go to your [redacted]?

[redacted] Um-hum.

[redacted] Okay. Anything?

Male Voice: Okay, Lets go back a little bit to the beginning. What I wanna ask you about is what you may have heard or, or seen (unintelligible) the deputies and break it up by timeframe. When you first encounter the deputies at the, in the park, do you see or hear either of them on the radio?

[redacted] I did not.

Male Voice: Do you see or hear either of their either typing or calling on the phone?

[redacted] No.

Male Voice: After they put you in the, in the car, before you – do you hear or see either of them talking on the radio?

[redacted] No.

Male Voice: How about (unintelligible)?

[redacted] No.

Male Voice: Alright then, there's a computer inside their --

[redacted] (unintelligible).

Male Voice: Alright, do you see either of them typing into the computer?

[redacted] No I did not.

Male Voice: Alright, so then in the timeframe from the, when you leave the park to within the timeframe that the passenger deputy gets out, did any radio -- ?

[redacted] There was no, I, I, I don't recall them doing any radio or computer work or even turning on their sirens. They did not do any of that.

Male Voice: How 'bout cellphones?

[redacted] No cellphones, no..

Male Voice: and after the deputy, passenger deputy gets out, did he call in anything on his radio or computer?

[redacted] Yeah he did. I think he called in something about a crash, yeah.

Mae Voice: Okay, so after the crash --.

[redacted] After the crash.

Male Voice: Okay and that's on the radio?

[redacted] Yeah.

Male Voice: Perfect. Then you leave, you meet up with the neighbors.

[redacted] The neighbors yes.

Male Voice: You end up calling [redacted] At some point in time you see other deputies come in and they're kind of looking at you and you're --

[redacted] They're lookin' at me but I was literally in the front yard for like five to seven minutes. Probably ten minutes cause my did, it would take him like eight minutes to get there.

Male Voice: Okay.

[redacted] I was sittin' in there and they're just lookin' at me. No one, the deputies didn't say anything to me.

Male Voice: Were they on their phones or anything like that?

[redacted] I just saw, he was standing next to, next to the other deputy and they were exchanging words but I didn't – I, I think they were on their phones but I don't really remember that or anything, if they were on their phone or not honestly.

Male Voice: When, after you are handcuffed, after you are put into the, the car, before you go out to the hospital, are you seeing them on their radios, or on their phones or anything like that?

[redacted] Not that I remember, no. Cause when I was in the ambulance I wasn't really able to see that because he was in a separate car following me at that time.

Male Voice: Before you were put in the ambulance for like the hour or something like that.

[redacted] Yeah, before I did see Deputies more on their phone than they were on their walkies.

Male Voice: Okay.

[redacted] Whatever, yeah. I just saw that.

Male Voice: But they were talking.

[redacted] I'm trying to think if there's typing. I, I felt like, I remember seeing like a few (unintelligible). Cause there was like a bunch of (unintelligible). That's all I remember.

Male Voice: Okay so you could actually see (unintelligible).

[redacted] Yes, cause they were in front of me and I was in the back seat and he had his phone like this and I could see the computer, just typing.

Male Voice: And that's the deputy that handcuffed you?

[redacted] That' the deputy that handcuffed me.

Male Voice: And how long was he typing on the phone?

[redacted] It was like he would do it like excessively put it in his pocket and take it out. He'd type and put it back in his pocket.

Male Voice: And then at the hospital when the deputy (unintelligible).

[redacted] The deputy that escorted me there? I did see him usin' his phone a lot too.

Male Voice: Were you able to see (unintelligible)?

[redacted] I didn't see anything like that cause he was above me basically.

Male Voice: And the deputy who was in the hospital with you, was that same deputy that handcuffed you or was that a different one.

[redacted] It was a different one. It was the one that escorted me.

Male Voice: Okay. About how long was that deputy on his phone throughout (unintelligible)?

[redacted] (unintelligible).

Male Voice: And he was typing or talking as well?

[redacted] Just typing. I didn't even hear him talk to his walkie talkie or anything like that. When, when he would talk I guess he would step out and go somewhere else and talk.

Male Voice: Okay. The other handful of deputies that later came into your room, were they on their phones or their radios as well?

[redacted] They were talking between each other like this is --. They just wanted me to sign the ticket and I didn't want to. And I guess they were getting closer to me as I told em I didn't want it. That's when they ended up telling me like, -- You're gonna sign it or you'll go to jail. --.

Male Voice: Where did that ticket book come from? Did you, was it the deputy who escorted you in?

[redacted] The deputy who escorted me in was the one with the ticket book.

Male Voice: Okay. Did you see him actually fill out --?

[redacted] No. He came in with it.

Male Voice: Okay so he walked out --

[redacted] Yeah.

Male Voice: - and came back in the room with the ticket?

[redacted] He didn't write it in front of me.

Male Voice: Okay. You also mentioned this, there, when you were pulled out- sorry (unintelligible) when you were pulled out by the deputies back at the park - was there a video?


[redacted] Yes.

Male Voice: Who took video?

[redacted] It was three of my friends. One's name was [redacted] excuse me, [redacted] and another was [redacted] and another one was [redacted]

Male Voice: Do you wanna go, do that now?


[redacted] I do. I just have a couple more follow-ups and then we'll go through the list and get some contact information. Before you were asked to take a

urine sample at this hospital, at any point before that were you asked to take a field sobriety test?

[redacted] No.

[redacted] You weren't.

[redacted] No.

[redacted] Any, was there any discussion --

[redacted] There was --

[redacted] - of drugs or --?

[redacted] - there was nothing at all until the ticket book came out.

[redacted] Okay so when you saw that and it said --

[redacted] That's when I called [redacted]

[redacted] - (unintelligible) methamphetamine, that was the first, that was first time you had --.

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] - ever --

[redacted] First time yeah.

[redacted] - realized that they were tryin' to --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - say that you were under the influence?

[redacted] (No audible response.)

[redacted] No one had said anything to you prior to that.

[redacted] Nobody has told me that.

[redacted] Okay. At any point do you remember saying anything threatening to the officers?

[redacted] No. Basically just tryin' to pass words back and forth cause they were as well.

[redacted] Uh-huh?

[redacted] That's it.

[redacted] Now I know that it's been a long time since the incident happened and you understand that what the officer said that they were doing was following somebody with a gun --

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] - at that time. Do you remember ever hearing anything about a gun or anything about – during the whole incident – do you remember hearing anything about why they were chasing that person or a gun being thrown?

[redacted] Not really to be honest, to be honest with ya.

[redacted] Nothing about that. What about in the hour you sat in the vehicle --

[redacted] At that --

[redacted] - and they were canvassing the neighborhoods?

[redacted] - at that point, I had overheard I think so yeah.

[redacted] From someone talking outside or over --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - the radio, inside the car?

[redacted] Yeah they did, they wouldn't tell me anything at all.

[redacted] Uh-huh.

[redacted] Not the deputies. I think I had overheard or honestly I probably found out after everything had happened --

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] - they were chasing someone with a gun.

[redacted] Right.

[redacted] I, I was confused, confused and --.

[redacted] But during the incident, you don't remember them saying you know, -- He's got a gun. -- or, -- He threw the gun. -- or --.

[redacted] Well he just said, -- That's the fucking guy. -- and I was just confused like, -- What do you mean? – like, -- What --? -- you know?

[redacted] Alright, okay, when you say, "He said, -- That's that fucking guy. –", you're referring to the officer --

[redacted] They guy --

[redacted] - who handcuffed you.

[redacted] - yeah.

[redacted] Okay not when you're in the car, or not when he's chasing the person -- .

[redacted] No. No.

[redacted] Okay.

Male Voice: And that's why Agent [redacted] asking you, when you were in the car and they were chasing the kids on the bikes –

[redacted] Okay.

Male Voice: - did you hear any --

[redacted] They didn't say anything.

Male Voice: - well any --

[redacted] Well let him finish what he's saying.

Male Voice: - did you hear any, anybody say anything about a gun?

[redacted] Not at all.

Male Voice: Okay and if I understand what you're saying correctly, you're saying that at some point you learned that there was some discussion about somebody having a gun.

[redacted] Yes.

Male Voice: But you don't remember when you learned that information.

[redacted] It was, I knew it was between the time where – afterwards, like from where I was being handcuffed. I remem-, I don't remember clearly and like when I heard it but I know I eventually heard the information.

Male Voice: Okay, at some time between the time you got handcuffed later, you heard that later.

[redacted] Yes, later.

[redacted] Before you left the scene? Like you, did you hear officers talking about when you're in the back of this, back of the car?

[redacted] I think so.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] I heard it but I might be a mistake.

[redacted] Listen, it's been a year so it's totally fine --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - for you to say, -- I don't remember. --. That's completely okay. Okay? So if that's the true answer, then that's --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - fine for us. We don't want you to try to think of something. If you don't remember it, you don't remember it.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] Okay? At any point do you remember being read your rights? Did anyone tell you --?

[redacted] No.

[redacted] So in the initial encounter, when they threw you in the back of the car, they didn't say, -- You have the right to remain silent. --? You know, you know the rights right? Or you've seen that in TV?

[redacted] Yeah, I've seen that on TV.

[redacted] Okay. So that didn't happen then.

[redacted] (No audible response.)

[redacted] Did it happen when the officer handcuffed you?

[redacted] No.

[redacted] They didn't read you your rights.

[redacted] Um-um. I was telling them like, -- Why am I being handcuffed? --. He was just like, -- I don't know. --.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] Then he put me behind the vehicle.

[redacted] And it never happened or did it happen any time with any officer during the entire day?

[redacted] Honestly, if, if it would-a happened, I'm pretty sure I would of remembered. I would have been able to tell you clearly they did.

[redacted] Okay. You don't remember that happening at all.

[redacted] (No audible response.)

[redacted] Okay.

Unknown: Is that a No.

[redacted] Okay, thank you.

(Muffled exchange between several different voices. (01:01:06 to 01:01:18))

[redacted] So we'll come back and get the names and contact information but while we're still in it, you guys wanna follow up?

Male Voice: Yeah, I have a, a couple of things. So I wanna go back to the start of the day when you went to the skatepark. So what was the purpose of going to the skatepark that day?

[redacted] I love skateboarding. That's what I do, you know? That's literally what I do. So my purpose was to go and skate.

Male Voice: How long have you been a skate boarder?

[redacted] Over ten years.

Male Voice: And do you go to that park pretty frequently?

[redacted] I do, it's my (unintelligible).

Male Voice: That's a good point. So how far do you live from this skatepark?

[redacted] I live like ten minutes away.

Male Voice: And you went there by car that day?

[redacted] Yes.

Male Voice: And you were just by yourself?

[redacted] Uh-huh.

Male Voice: So did you make plans to meet anybody at the park?

[redacted] No, just to skate and whoever was there was there.

Male Voice: Okay and is that typically how it works? You show up and there's --

[redacted] Yeah.

Male Voice: - kind of like a community of skateboarders that you run into?

[redacted] Yeah. Everybody gets along you know.

Male Voice: And you said you were there workin' on a trick that day?

[redacted] Um-hum.

Male Voice: And is that what you were doin' at the skatepark?

[redacted] Yeah I was just minding my business, skating and stuff.

Male Voice: And roughly how long were you at the skatepark before the sheriff's showed up?

[redacted] Like 40 to 30 minutes. I was, like an hour honestly. Like, 40 to an hour.

Male Voice: Okay. And were you spending most of that time sort of hangin' out with other people or actually skateboarding?

[redacted] I was, I was just skating honestly.

Male Voice: And when you skateboard you sort of work up a sweat, do you exert energy or --?

[redacted] I do. Well if you do any type of exercise I'm pretty sure you will sweat eventually.

Male Voice: Okay. And do you recall if you were sweating that day or, or sort of how --

[redacted] I was --

Male Voice: - your body was?

[redacted] - cause when, when the incident happened I was working on a trick at the moment. I was literally just going back and forth, back and forth time I landed the trick. But yeah, I was sweating.

Male Voice: Do you remember what trick you were workin' on?

[redacted] Yeah, a switch back spin. I remember that day. I remember that.

Male Voice: You mentioned that at some point some, some well, two African-American males, I believe you said entered the skatepark. Is that right?

[redacted] Yeah.

Male Voice: Could you describe them?

[redacted] Just, they looked young. They're, they're just, they were black.

Male Voice: Did they look like adults or, or --?

[redacted] No, they were like kids. I seen, I see em at the park. I haven't seen them lately but I, back then I did see them. They were young kids.

Male Voice: And roughly how old, how old would you, how old would you approximately think they are?

[redacted] Fourteen to sixteen years old, somethin' like that, fourteen/fifteen.

Male Voice: And what is their sort of build? Are they thick people or --?

[redacted] No they're short.

Male Voice: Okay. And roughly how many people were at the, inside the skatepark when the --

[redacted] Inside --

Male Voice: - the sheriffs arrived?

[redacted] Probably sixteen people, something like that.

Male Voice: And how old are you right now?

[redacted] And I am 24 years old.

Male Voice: And how old were the rest of the people inside the skatepark that morning?

[redacted] There's kids that are from like ten to twelve, like different ages honestly. Even also my age. Like there's different kinds of ages in the park you know? Everybody's skating, running.

Male Voice: Well roughly how many adults were there? How many people were --

[redacted] Adults?

Male Voice: - your age?

[redacted] There was like, like four or five.

Male Voice: Okay and the rest, is it fair to say they were sort of 18 years and younger?

[redacted] Yes.

Male Voice: Now when the, when the police put you in the car could you see where the other people in the skatepark were?

[redacted] They were behind the gate. There was nobody, there was nobody on the outside of the gate where the officers were, just me cause I got pulled outta the hole. Everybody else was behind the gate.

Male Voice: So as you --

[redacted] They were yelling at them like, to leave me alone.

Male Voice: - so as you remem--, excuse me, as you remember it, when you were sort of near the car or being placed in the car, none of the other sort of viewers or the other witnesses were, were close by?

[redacted] They weren't too close. They were kind of a distance away from the gate you know.

Male Voice: Okay. And you mentioned that you were sweating that day. Were you grinding your teeth at all?

[redacted] Not that I remember to be honest. I don't think I would be.

Male Voice: Do you recall speaking particularly fast when you were talking with the deputies?

[redacted] Sort of cause I was scared --

Male Voice: Um-hum.

[redacted] - honestly. I just felt like I was the car right there, in my sense, I was scared you know?

Male Voice: Were you muttering words?

[redacted] No.

Male Voice: When you got inside the car, did either of the deputies who were there with you direct you or ask you to place your seatbelt on?

[redacted] No. They were arguing with the skaters. They weren't even paying attention to me much.

Male Voice: But just to be clear, at any point when you were, between when you got inside the car and when you got into the accident, did either of the deputies say --?

[redacted] They didn't --.

[redacted] Let him ask you first and --.

[redacted] Alright, I'm sorry.

[redacted] You're okay. Just slow down.

Male Voice: And I appreciate that you have the information, you wanna give it us but as your counsel pointed out, it's, it's really helpful just to listen to the full question just to make sure that you know precisely what I'm, I'm asking. So I'll, I'll just ask you again, so between the time that you got into the care or the officers placed you in the car, and when the accident occurred, did either of the deputies ask you or direct you to put a seatbelt on?

[redacted] No.

Male Voice: Between the time – again when you got place in the car, and when the accident occurred, did either of the deputies ask you if you had taken any narcotics or any medications that day?

[redacted] No.

Male Voice: Had you taken any narcotics or medication that day?

[redacted] No.

Male Voice: What about any alcohol? Did you ingest any alcohol --

[redacted] No.

Male Voice: -- that day? So it's fair to say that you didn't have any drugs or medication or alcohol in your system at all that day?

[redacted] No.

[redacted] That's a correct statement, what he just said?

Male Voice: Is, is that accurate?

[redacted] Oh, oh yeah, yeah, yes, yes.

Male Voice: You didn't – I'll just, I'll, I'll take that as a double negative.

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] Ask him again.

Male Voice: Did, did you have any alcohol, or drugs or medication in your system that day?

[redacted] No I did not.

Male Voice: When you were inside the car again, between the time the deputies put you in the car and when the accident occurred, did either of them ask you for your name or you date of birth?

[redacted] No.

Male Voice: And did, between – again, between the time that they placed you in the car and when the accident occurred, did either or both of them ask if you would participate in a field sobriety test?

[redacted] No.

Male Voice: Now you said that once you got inside the car one of the deputies said that they were going to set you up and that they were going to take you to an enemy hood or somethin' to that effect.

[redacted] Um-hum.

Male Voice: Correct. So – and again, I appreciate that it's a year later but to the best of your ability do you recall the words that came out of that deputy's mouth, what he said?

[redacted] It sounds familiar to which is right now, he told me, -- I'm gonna get you set up today. I'm gonna say that you're from the Bananas. --. I didn't even know what Bananas was until I got knowledge from bein' at the park. It, it's like a certain way of sayin' Santana which is the gang there? They, they just said, -- We're gonna say you're from Bananas and we're gonna get you set up. Better do what they say.

Male Voice: So who said that?

[redacted] The driver.

Male Voice: This is the shorter one --

[redacted] Yes.

Male Voice: - who is more aggressive? And what did the other person, the passenger officer, what did he say?

[redacted] He was just sayin' like, -- Oh, he's scared. He's scared. -- this and that. They were just, basically just tryin' to scare me (unintelligible) .

Male Voice: Do you remember anything else that either officer said about that, that particular thing? -- We're gonna get you set up. We're gonna take you to --

[redacted] Like --

Male Voice: - the other place. --.

[redacted] - like, -- Oh, you're gonna get your ass beat. --.

Male Voice: And who said you're gonna get your ass beat?

[redacted] The, the passenger did.

Male Voice: Is there anything else that you remember as you sit here right now?

[redacted] No.

Male Voice: Now when the said that to you what did you say back to them, if anything?

[redacted] I told then like, -- Oh, this is, this is justice to you guys? Like, this is not fair at all. --. I, I just told em they're, they're like, -- Oh, he's scared. -- they were telling me afterwards. But I was scared and that's, it was really fast from the time at the park to the incident. It was maybe like five minutes away. It's right down the street and they were going fast throughout the time, hitting corners very fast, aggressively. I was just scared.

Male Voice: Now you mentioned that one of the or one or both of the deputies appeared high to you, is that correct?

[redacted] Yes.

Male Voice: Now I wanna just drill down a little bit more on that. Which of the deputies appeared to be high?

[redacted] The driver did. Also the passenger but I didn't get to analyze em that well cause the, the driver guy was the one. Like later he's tellin' me a bunch of stuff and the passenger had got out when he went to go chase the kids, so throughout the whole time it was more, the majority of the time it was me and the driver.

Male Voice: So when was it that you first sort of came to the conclusion that the driver appeared high?

[redacted] When, when he got mad cause I told them to leave the kids alone. He came out as aggressive. He was just saying like, -- Shut the fuck up. --.

Male Voice: Now if you could just sort of describe in your own words, what are the different, what are the different behaviors or, or what did you view or what did you see, what did you experience that lead you to believe that the officer was high?

[redacted] They way he was driving when we got, when the accident happened. Like I said, he was hitting corners, he, when he would look back at me I see his eyes, the were like, they looked bloodshot red. And even after the accident happened, he was very jumpy like jittery like he looked like he couldn't stay still, like he just wanted to move. That's what I noticed. And I, I'm just – off of that I was just like, -- Somethin's not right with him. Like somethin' is off about him this whole time. --.

Male Voice: So you mentioned his eyes, you mentioned him driving pretty fast or rapidly?

[redacted] Yes.

Male Voice: You mentioned his body movements? Was there anything else that, that lead you to believe that he was high?

[redacted] Just those things I guess.

Male Voice: And just to be clear, when I say "high", I'm saying under the influence of a drug or narcotics --

[redacted] Yes.

Male Voice: - right? Same understanding that you have when you use the work "high"?

[redacted] Yes.

Male Voice: How would you describe the, the other deputy, the passenger?

[redacted] I, he, I was just, he had him like, let's say the, the driver's the one saying all those – he would be just like agreeing like, -- Yeah, hey, he's scared. --. Well I didn't really pay too much attention to him cause he got outta the vehicle and it happened so fast between the park and you know.

Male Voice: Now I wanna go back to when you're inside the, the police vehicle and – so you're in the back seat, right?

[redacted] (No audible response.)

Male Voice: Is that, is that accurate? Yes?

[redacted] Yes.

Male Voice: Okay. What type of vehicle is this?

[redacted] It's like a, a sheriff, like a SUV?

Male Voice: Okay.

[redacted] Yeah.

Male Voice: And you did not have a seatbelt on, right?

[redacted] I didn't have a seatbelt on.

Male Voice: Now typically in and SUV there's sort of a, a, a, a passenger side seat and a driver's side seat and there's also a little space in the middle, is that right?

[redacted] Yes.

Male Voice: Okay. Now where were you positioned inside the back of the SUV?

[redacted] I was on the driver's side, the left hand, behind it. Yeah, I was sitting right there.

Male Voice: Okay. So you were pretty close behind the driver and not really in the center of the --?

[redacted] No, not in the center.

Male Voice: Now when you were inside the back of the car, did you, or the SUV, excuse me, did you have the ability to sort of see what was going on both outta your window and the window opposite you?

[redacted] Yeah, I was able to see.

Male Voice: And the, the window in front of you, the front windshield?

[redacted] Yes.

Male Voice: Was there anything sort of impairing your view or blocking your views that you couldn't see somethin'?

[redacted] Yeah, like the back of the thing, it has like a little cage thing. But I could still see through it, you know?

Male Voice: Okay.

[redacted] I was able to see.

Male Voice: And was it light outside? Was there --?

[redacted] Yeah it was, it was like mid-day bright.

Male Voice: Now you mentioned at some point you saw some, a group of kids on, on bicycles, and this is what sort of lead to the, the accident, right?

[redacted] Yeah.

Male Voice: Where did you see them? Out of what window? Where, where were they positioned?

[redacted] I saw them right in front of me, like on the windshield? Cause I could see both chairs, I could tilt my head to he right and lean forward. I seen all the kids right there, on like standing.

Male Voice: Roughly how old did the kids look to you?

[redacted] Twelve to fourteen years old. They looked young.

Male Voice: And at any point did you see – so at some point, the, the driver, the aggressive officer, started chasing after one of the, the bicyclists, right?

[redacted] (No audible response.)

Male Voice: And I wanna focus on that bicyclist in particular.

[redacted] Okay.

Male Voice: At any point did you see that bicyclist reach for anything on his body?

[redacted] The only thing he reached for was his handlebars to ger way. That's it. No, he did not reach anything.

Male Voice: And as the driver, the aggressive deputy, was pursuing that bicyclist, the, we're talkin' about the same person.

[redacted] Yeah.

Male Voice: Did you see him remove any objects from his person?

[redacted] From, from his person?

[redacted] From, from the bicyclist. Did you see the bicyclist remove anything from the bicyclist's body?

[redacted] He was ridin' his bike down he alley. He had no reason to reach in his hand. He had no reach in his --.

[redacted] (unintelligible) --

Male Voice: Well answer my question.

[redacted] - question. He's just asking a yes or a no question. (unintelligible)

Male Voice: Yeah my, my question's a little different. I just wanna make sure we're on the same page here.

[redacted] Yeah.

Male Voice: So at some point, you see a group of kids, roughly 12 to 14 years old, they're all on bicycles. At some point the driver of the vehicle that you're in, the SUV goes after one of them. That one person's on a bicycle.

[redacted] Um-hum.

Male Voice: You said a moment ago that you didn't see that bicyclist reach for anything on his person, right?

[redacted] Hmm hmm.

[redacted] That's (unintelligible).

Male Voice: Is that, is that yes?

[redacted] He didn't.

Male Voice: Okay and this is both before and after the driver started chasing after the bicyclist, right?

[redacted] Yes.

Male Voice: Now this is a more specific question. So as the vehicle is chasing the bicyclist did you see the bicyclist remove anything from the bicyclist's body or any bags he had on him and toss it?

[redacted] No.

Male Voice: Did you say anything get tossed into the air as you were, as the vehicle you were in was chasing after that bicyclist?

[redacted] No.

Male Voice: Were you paying attention to what was happening as the car chase was going on?

[redacted] Yes.

Male Voice: Did you have your eyes open?

[redacted] Yes I did.

Male Voice: Were you lookin' in front of you?

[redacted] Yes.

Male Voice: Were you lookin' at the bicyclist?

[redacted] Yes.

Male Voice: Give me a moment. So you said that after the accident occurred you said something to the deputy.

[redacted] Yes.

Male Voice: Right? So what did you say to him?

[redacted] So after our accident occurred I told him if can let, -- Please let me go. I won't tell on anything. – and this is, yeah.

Male Voice: So you said, -- Please let me go, I won't tell them anything. --.

[redacted] Yeah.

Male Voice: Okay what did you mean by that?

[redacted] Like to just you know, the accident happened, you know he crashed, I felt like I was being harassed the whole time. I just wanted to leave. I had, I didn't want any part of it. I just wanted to go home.

Male Voice: And did the deputy respond when you said that?

[redacted] He, no he was lookin' around, back and forth, left and right and I said that. And he opened the door and he's like, -- Get the fuck outta here. --.

Male Voice: So besides saying, -- Get the fuck out of here. --, did the deputy say anything else to you?

[redacted] No. He didn't say anything.

Male Voice: - before or after he let you out?

[redacted] (unintelligible).

[redacted] Sorry, no.

Male Voice: So no, the deputy did not say anything else to you before or after he let you out?

[redacted] No.

Male Voice: Either before or after the, the deputy – and again, this is the driver, the aggressive one, before or after he let you out of the car did he do a quick examination of you for any injuries?

[redacted] No.

Male Voice: Did he ask you whether you had sustained any injuries?

[redacted] No.

Male Voice: Did he ask you if you were okay?

[redacted] No.

Male Voice: Now you said that after getting out of the car you started walking and you encountered some people who were neighbors?

[redacted] Um-hum.

[redacted] Yes?

Male Voice: Yes? Do you know those neighbors? Do you have a personal relationship with them?

[redacted] No.

Male Voice: Had you seen them before?

[redacted] No.

Male Voice: And is this the first time that you had any contact with them?

[redacted] Yes.

Male Voice: Do you remember where, I mean, you may not know the street address but would you be able to find that house again?

[redacted] Yes.

Male Voice: Have you had any contact with those neighbors since that event?

[redacted] No.

Male Voice: When you were at the hospital did either the, did any doctor or any nurse ask you whether you had ingested any drugs that day?

[redacted] No.

Male Voice: That's all I have.

[redacted] Do you have any questions?

Male Voice: Yeah, so you mentioned earlier today that – well first off, do you know if there's any video surveillance of the park?

[redacted] That, that same day my friend had sent me a video that the sheriff's were at before I, on, on the bass, where the basketball place is. That's where they have the cameras and stuff pointe towards the park. After that I think you know. I have videos of like when I get thrown in the vehicle and stuff there.

Male Voice: So we'll get to that in a second but --.

[redacted] (unintelligible).

Male Voice: Yes.

[redacted] He's asking about surveillance video that you mentioned earlier and only if you know for sure.

Male Voice: So what about this? Can you describe the park?

[redacted] Yeah, it's, it has the basketball gym, there's a skatepark, a big gate there, there's basketball court as well and there's table outside of there.

Male Voice: Okay and did you notice any surveillance cameras around there?

[redacted] I did.

Male Voice: And would you have any way of knowing they were operating or not that day?

[redacted] I do not know.

Male Voice: Often times skateboarders will sort of film one another doing tricks or practicing, is that right?

[redacted] Yes.

Male Voice: Was anyone filming you practicing that trick, I forgot the name of it that day?

[redacted] No, they were not filming it.

Male Voice: Okay, but you mentioned that some other people there had cameras?

[redacted] They had phone cameras, iPhones.

Male Voice: And they, did they film your encounter with the deputies?

[redacted] Yes.

Male Voice: And did you receive copies of those encounters, the videos?

[redacted] Yes.

Male Voice: Do you believe that you received all of the – well let me go, let me back up.

(Muted chatter between several people. (01:20:56))

Male Voice: Okay.

[redacted] (unintelligible).

[redacted] (unintelligible) time?

[redacted] It is approximately 11:57 and, and we'll take a quick break?

[redacted] Yeah.

Male Voice: Yes.

[redacted] And we're gonna take a break and also Mr. [redacted] is done for the day.

(Muted chatter between several people. (02:21:19))

[redacted] This is Special Agent [redacted] The interview's going to continue at 12:03 pm and Attorney [redacted] has stepped out.

[Audio recording [redacted] IV 2511757 is paused.]

[redacted] So just a few more questions. You mentioned earlier today that when you were in the back of that police SUV the, the deputies said that they were gonna take you to gang territory, that you were going to get your ass beat or words to that effect. Are you a member of a gang?

[redacted] No.

[redacted] And do you associate with members of a gang?

[redacted] No.

[redacted] Is there any reason why you would be vulnerable or a likely target of a gang or a rival gang for any reason?

[redacted] No.

[redacted] Do you have any idea why they said that to you?

[redacted] Well I, I assumed it was just probably because they were mad at the fact I told em to leave the kids alone and you know there's a saying that (unintelligible) and it just escalated to them being mad at me and they wanted a reason to I guess punish me.

[redacted] Okay, were you wearing any sort of gang paraphernalia that day?

[redacted] Not at all.

[redacted] Any tattoos?

[redacted] No.

[redacted] Earlier today and, and forgive me, I just I don't have the response at my fingertips but earlier today you were asked if you've seen those particular deputies before. Have you?

[redacted] No.

[redacted] Have you ever had any personal encounter with them before?

[redacted] No.

[redacted] Since the event occurred, have you spoken to either of the deputies, either the driver or the passenger?

[redacted] No.

[redacted] And have you spoken to any other deputies since you left the hospital?

[redacted] No.

[redacted] I, I believe earlier today you said that sheriff's deputies or law enforcement officers have been involved in other short skirmishes in that neighborhood. Is that accurate? Is that somethin' that you said earlier?

[redacted] I'm not --.

[redacted] Well let me just ask you, have you personally been involved in another encounter with a law enforcement officer?

[redacted] No.

[redacted] Have you seen any, have you personally seen or witnessed any events, any fights, any escalations, any thing that you would sort of label not ordinary between another person and a law enforcement officer?

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] And when was that?

[redacted] That was like, probably like I, it was some time last year. I just seen some guy being harassed and it was pretty crazy to see that. I was, I was a distance. That was in the park as well.

[redacted] Was it at the same park?

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] And was this before or after your events?

[redacted] It was before.

[redacted] And what did you see?

[redacted] I just saw like, they told him to get out the car and he got out the car respectfully and they put his hands behind his back and handcuffed him and then they lifted his arms all the way back up to like his neck area and I was like, -- Why are you doing that extra stuff? -- you know? He put his hands behind his back, he cooperated and they literally just arched his arms behind his back really hard and that was the, it, it was just that department right there I guess.

[redacted] And when you say "they", to whom are you referring?

[redacted] The sheriff department I guess.

[redacted] And how did you know it was the sheriff's department as opposed to the police, the LAPD or another agency?

[redacted] Because they had "Sheriff" on their vehicles and the department is close to the park as well. So I assumed --

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] - it was them.

[redacted] And when you saw the, the sheriffs or the behaving in a way that you didn't think was appropriate with the kids at the skatepark, you said something about it. Did you also say somethin' about it on this other occasion?

[redacted] No.

[redacted] At any point that day, the date of your events, did you threaten to harm any of the police officers?

[redacted] No.

Male Voice: Lets go back when you were in the car and you see these five or six kids, 12 or 14 years old (unintelligible). Can you describe em for me?

[redacted] They were Latinos. They literally were dressed as kids. You know you could tell difference between someone who is older and (unintelligible) their shorts like, like regular cartoon shirts. Just you know, just kids being kids on bikes. That's what I can tell you.

Male Voice: (unintelligible)?

[redacted] Yes, they were armed officers.

Male Voice: So they wore shorts and T-shirts, that kinda thing?

[redacted] Yeah.

Male Voice: What were you wearing that day?

[redacted] I had blue jeans, I had a, I think I had like a grey shirt. That's it.

Male Voice: And skate shoes?

[redacted] (No audible response.)

Male Voice: The kids on the bicycles were, to the best of your recollection, were any of them wearing jeans?

[redacted] I think some of em wore jeans, yeah.

Male Voice: Possibly wearing jeans?

[redacted] Yeah, I don't remember too clear. I just, that's it, yeah.

Male Voice: You also mentioned the sheriff's station (unintelligible).

[redacted] Yes.

Male Voice: Alright. When you were driving, when you were in the car and they were driving away from the park, do you know, were they driving towards Compton Station?

[redacted] The were not driving towards Compton Station cause I, I think from the station I'm recalling, it's still right next to the court building. They weren't driving in that direction, they were driving the completely opposite direction.

Male Voice: Okay. The events that you talked about before, where you saw the gentleman get his arms pushed over his back, do you remember, do you know who that was? Have you spoken to that person?

[redacted] No, I've never spoken to him.

Good? Okay, so we talked about getting some names and some contact information.

(Muted talk between several people. Go ahead please.

Male Voice: You mentioned when you got to that neighbor's house and you called [redacted] you have your [redacted] phone number memorized?

[redacted] Yes I do.

Male Voice: What is [redacted]?

[redacted] [redacted]

Male Voice: [redacted]

[redacted] Yeah. And his name is [redacted]

Male Voice: [redacted]

[redacted]

Male Voice: (unintelligible).

[redacted] One thing I forgot, how old are you again?

[redacted] I'm 24.

Male Voice: And what was your date of birth?

[redacted]

Male Voice: And just really briefly, what is your educational background?

[redacted] My educational background? Well I finished high school and from there I just do videography and I make money off of the stuff like that.

Male Voice: And what do you do for a living?

[redacted] I do like video production work. I help out the people and stuff like that.

Male Voice: Okay.

[redacted] (unintelligible).

[redacted] And were you a, a viddy, videographer, video producer back when the event occurred? (unintelligible)?

[redacted] I was, yes. I always film skateboarding.

[redacted] Okay, that's it but I would like to get the names and contact information from your friends. Do you have those memorized or do you wanna pull out your phone?

[redacted] I, I am, I have their Instagrams. I don't have their numbers.

[redacted] Okay, whatever information you have for anybody who was there that day, that's what I'm lookin' for.

[redacted] Okay, lets see, okay his Instagram is (unintelligible) and his name's [redacted]

[redacted] Can I see it cause I'm, I know these are very – sometimes they do underscores and sometimes (unintelligible). Can someone who has Instagram come tell me how to look at this?

[redacted] Let me --.

(Multiple people talking at the same time.

[redacted] I keep tellin' myself I'm gonna --

[redacted] Oh, they're Millennials.

[redacted] Ten Stars, with no spaces, okay.

[redacted] And then --.

[redacted] And his name is [redacted]?

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] And would you have, you don't have his phone number or any --?

[redacted] I can get it and I can send it --.

[redacted] Maybe we can provide that to you sorta quickly.

[redacted] That would be really helpful.

[redacted] Yeah, I'll have it --.

[redacted] Yeah sure, that's fine. That way we don't have to spend time doing that. And then you had mentioned also that you have the paramedics' contact names --

[redacted] I have their names.

[redacted] - or information?

[redacted] Yeah, from the --

[redacted] Yeah.

[redacted] - fire department.

[redacted] So if you just provide a supplemental list for us, to use as witness, witnesses, that would be great.

[redacted] Sure. I can just send you the report I have.

[redacted] Perfect. Okay. That's all the questions I have. Are you guys okay?

(No audible responses.)

[redacted] Do you guys have any questions for us?

[redacted] No.

[redacted] Okay. Well thank you so much for your time today. We really appreciate it.

[redacted] Thank you.

[redacted] Thank you.

[redacted] Thank you.

[redacted] Alright, it's 12:12 pm and interview is completed.

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EXHIBIT M

CADCH -- Fire   JURISDICTION :

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SEARCH PARAMETERS

FROM :   / /   :

**** INCIDENT HISTORY -- DETAILED ****

CALL HISTORY FOR #F20121034

INC NUMBER(S) : $LAC20112846

ENTERED: 04/13/20 15:37:00 BY   TRO9   /[redacted]16

DISPATCHED: 04/13/20 15:37:08 BY   TRO7   /[redacted]92

ENROUTE: 04/13/20 15:37:22

ONSCENE: 04/13/20 15:42:32

CLOSED: 04/13/20 15:53:32

INITIAL TYPE: TCA

FINAL TYPE: TCA   (TC ALS)   PRIORITY: 1

Fire BLK: 04113C

MAP PAGE: 734J2   GROUP: B13 BEAT:

LOCATION: S MONA BLVD/E 130TH ST ,WILB   --

NAME: ADDRESS: PHONE: CMP

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ONLY, HEAD LACERATION
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Prehospital Care Report Summary

Los Angeles County Fire Department

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EXHIBIT N

COMPTON

Unit: 282D Shift: 3 Shift Date: 04/13/20

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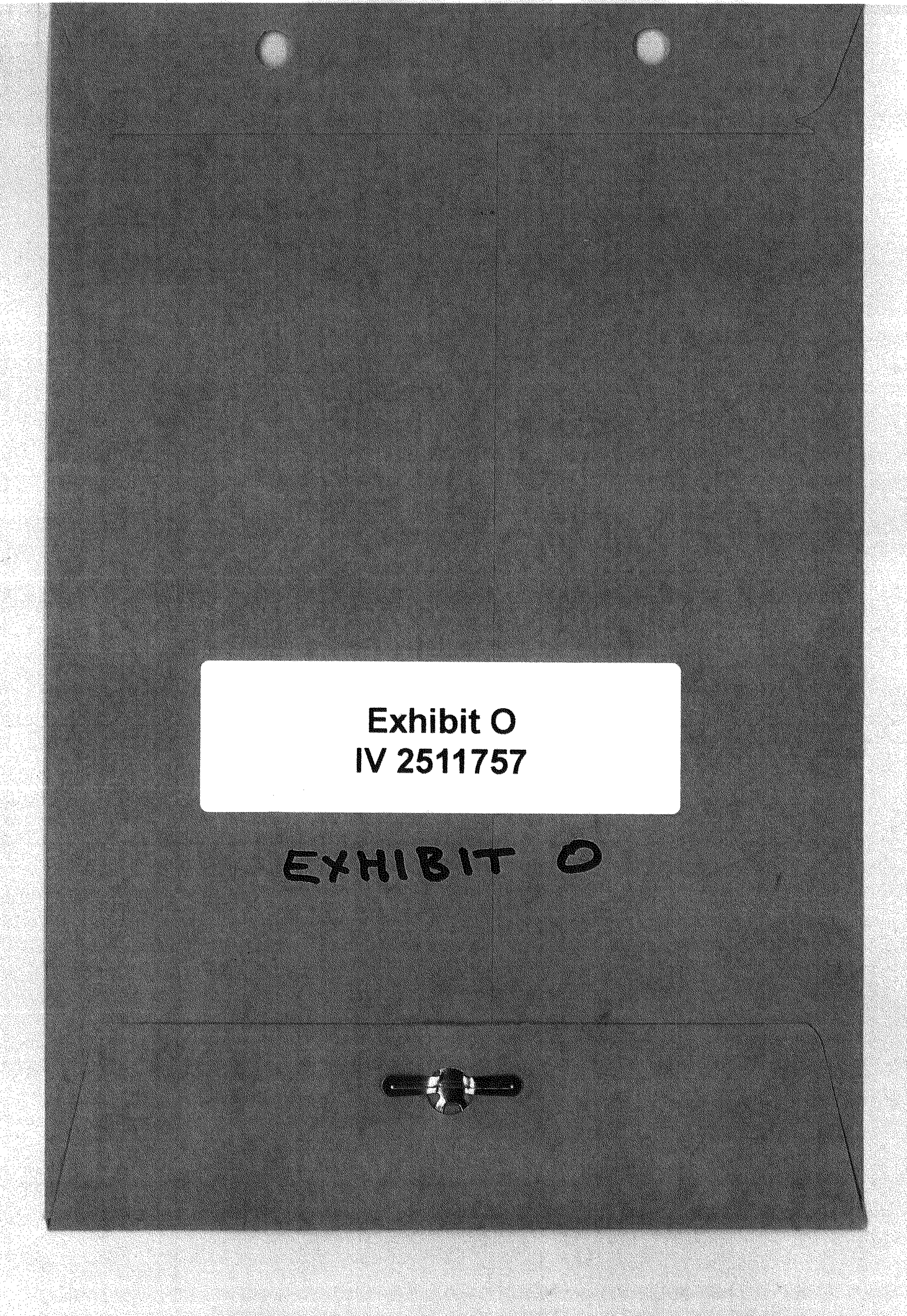

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EXHIBIT P

DEPUTY DAILY WORKSHEET 12/04/20 0812

STATION: CPT

UNIT: 284D **SHIFT:** P **DATE:** 04/13/20 0830 - 2300 **CLASS:** H **TYPE:** P

[redacted]7 HERNANDEZ CHRISTOPHER B **O/T:** **O/T PA:**
[redacted]4 VEGA JR MIGUEL A **O/T:**

VEH: SH5834 **MILES:** (20000 -> 20045) : 45 **MOBILE:** 4036
SPEC EQP: SG 22 TZR 79

PORTABLES: 1979 7252

ARRESTS /FEL-MA: **FA:** **MJ:** **FJ:** **CITS/HZ:** **NHZ:** **PKG:**
/MSD-MA: **FA:** **MJ:** **FJ:**

PATROL AREA/TIME: 04/002

TIME-SHIFT: 870 **TT:** 18 **HDL:** 850 **WRT:** 0 **PTL:** 2 **UNALLOC:** 0 **RPTS:** 2

INCIDENT ASSIGNMENTS:

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79	924C	1056			0830?	1333	2871		O	R		303		

LOC: 200 W COMPTON BL,CPT
CLR: 752 STATION SERVICE: Appearance, Court
NARR: COURT

TAG#	CODE	DISP	ACK	ENRT	10/97	10/98	RD#	A	S	P	TT	HDL	WRT	URN
93	924M	1336	1356	1404	1417	1429?	2825		C	R	13	12		

LOC: [redacted]
CLR: 212 DISORDERLY CONDUCT: Disturbing The Peace/Court Disturbances
NARR: CONDUCTED WELFARE CHECK

TAG#	CODE	DISP	ACK	ENRT	10/97	10/98	RD#	A	S	P	TT	HDL	WRT	URN
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LOC: [redacted]
CLR: 780 Assigned Assist
NARR: X AS NEEDED

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170	925	1700			1430?	1439?	2822		O	R		9		

LOC: [redacted]
CLR: 399 MISDEMEANORS, MISCELLANEOUS: All Other Misdemeanors
NARR: SEE RPT FOR FUTHER 20-04690-28

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LOC: [redacted]
CLR: 399 MISDEMEANORS, MISCELLANEOUS: All Other Misdemeanors
NARR: SEE RPT FOR FURTHER

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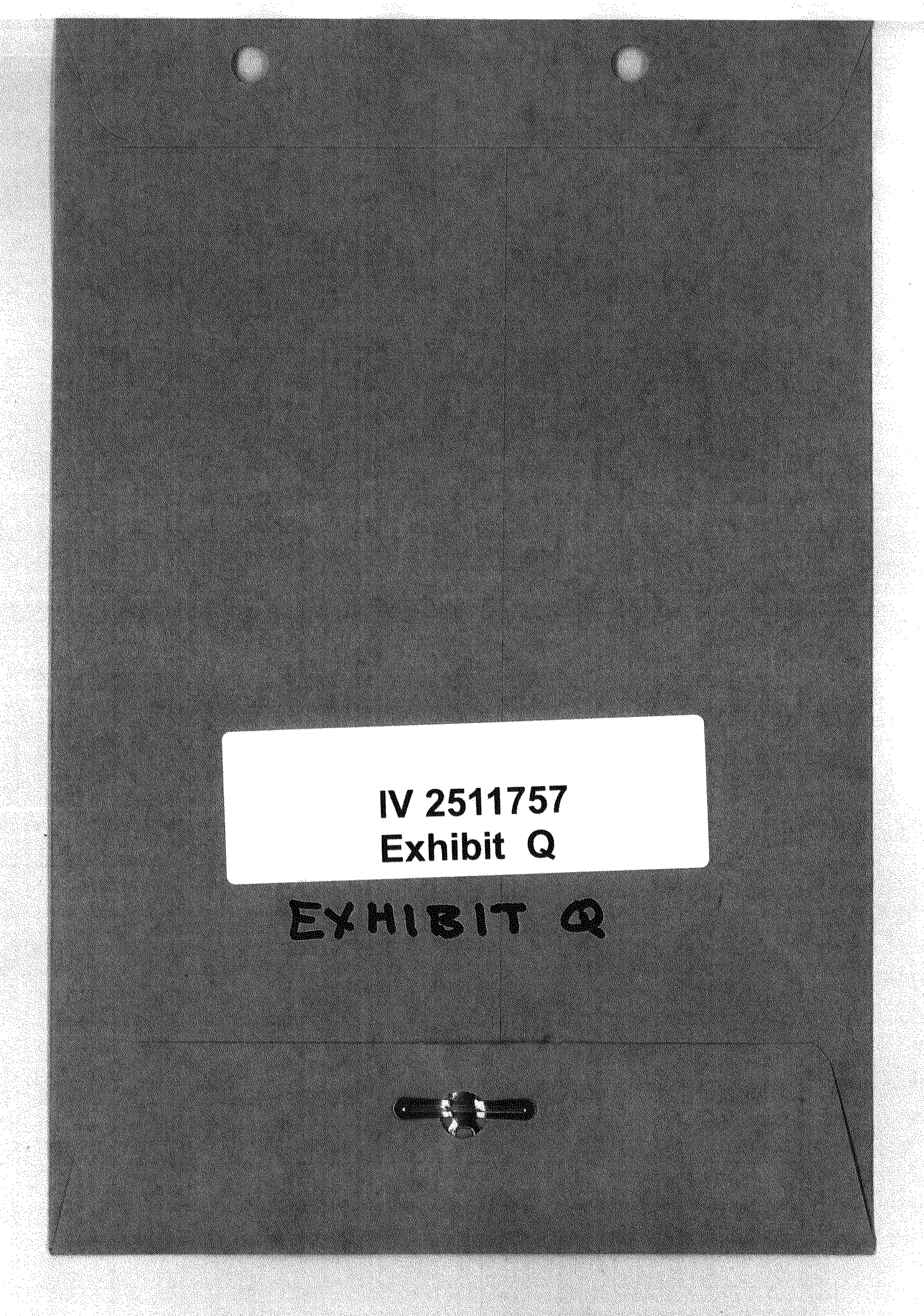

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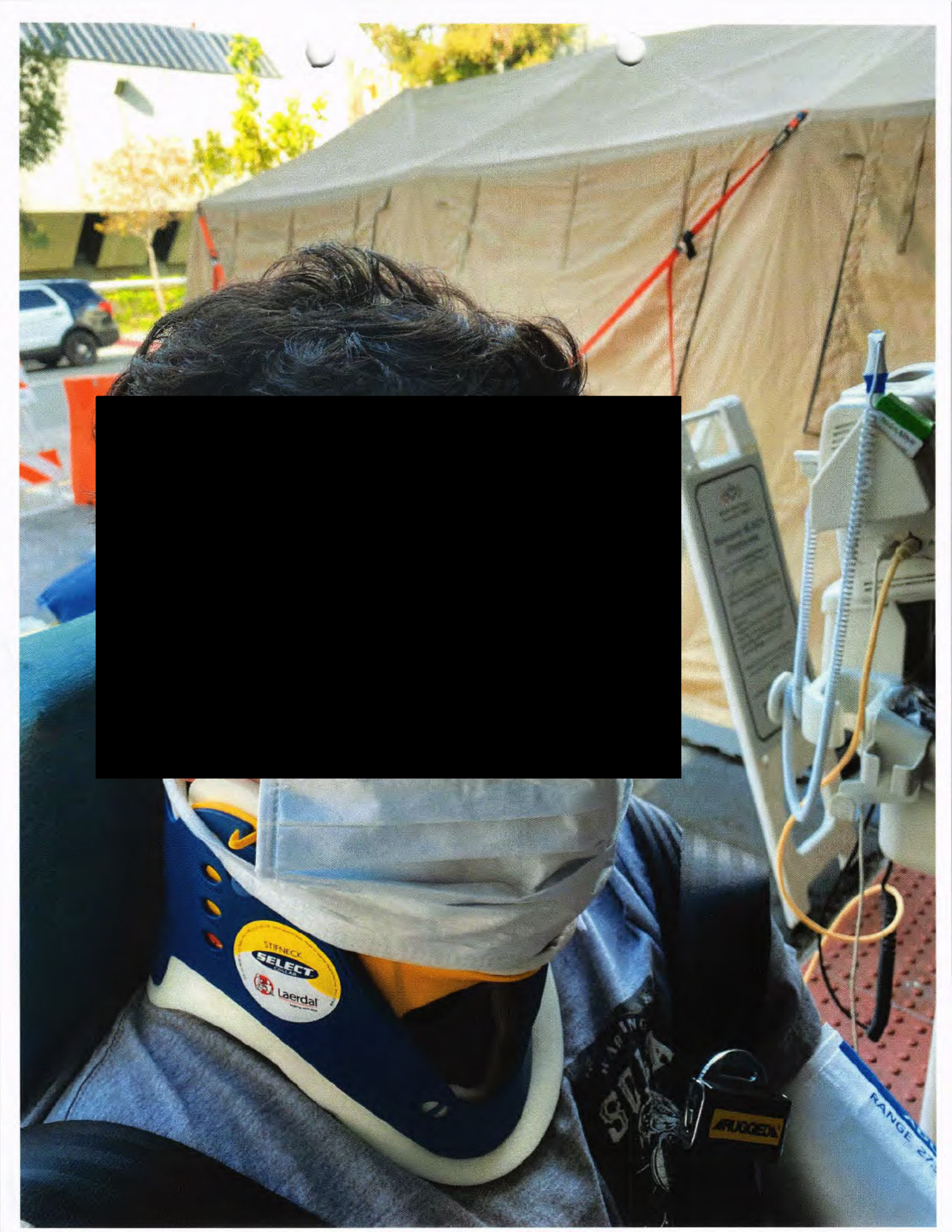
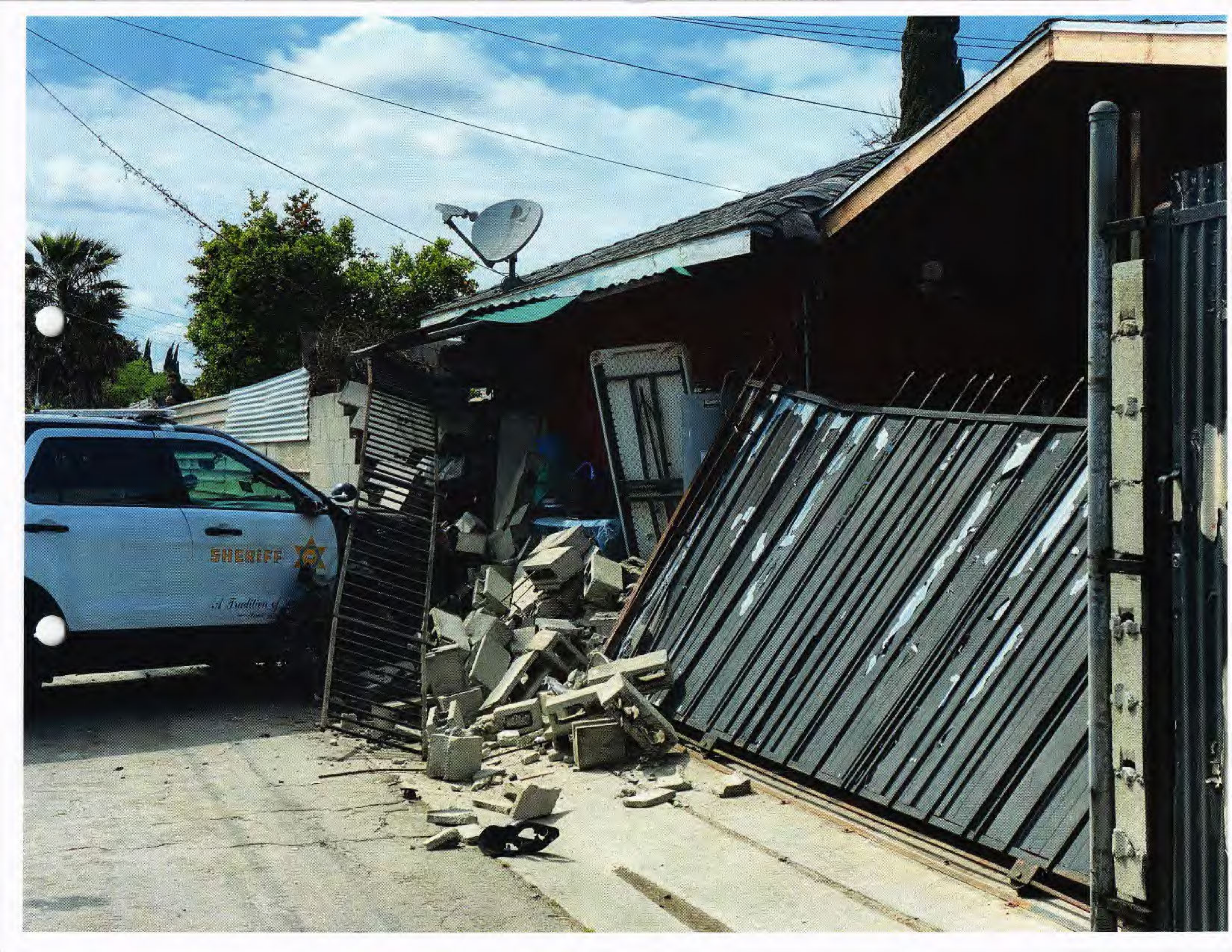
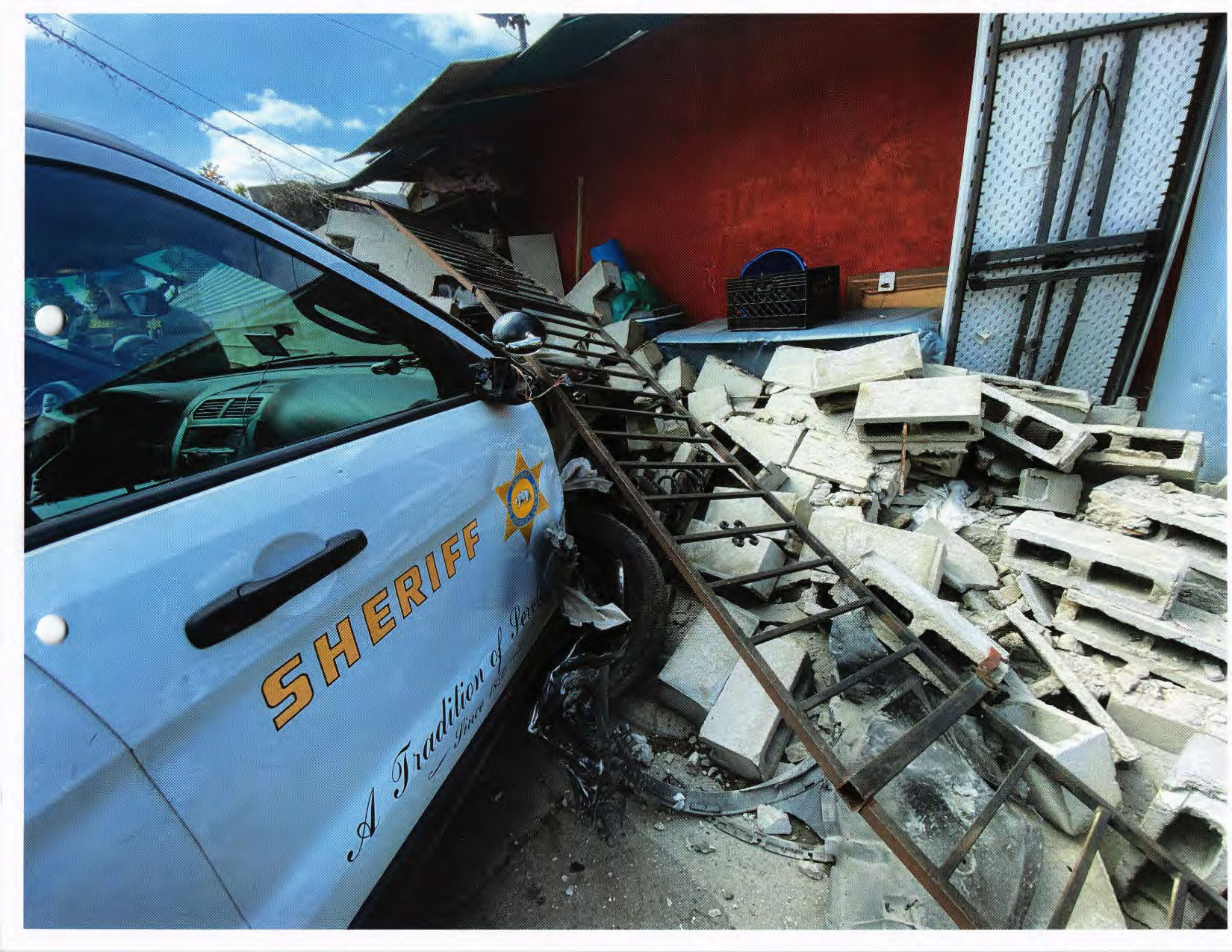

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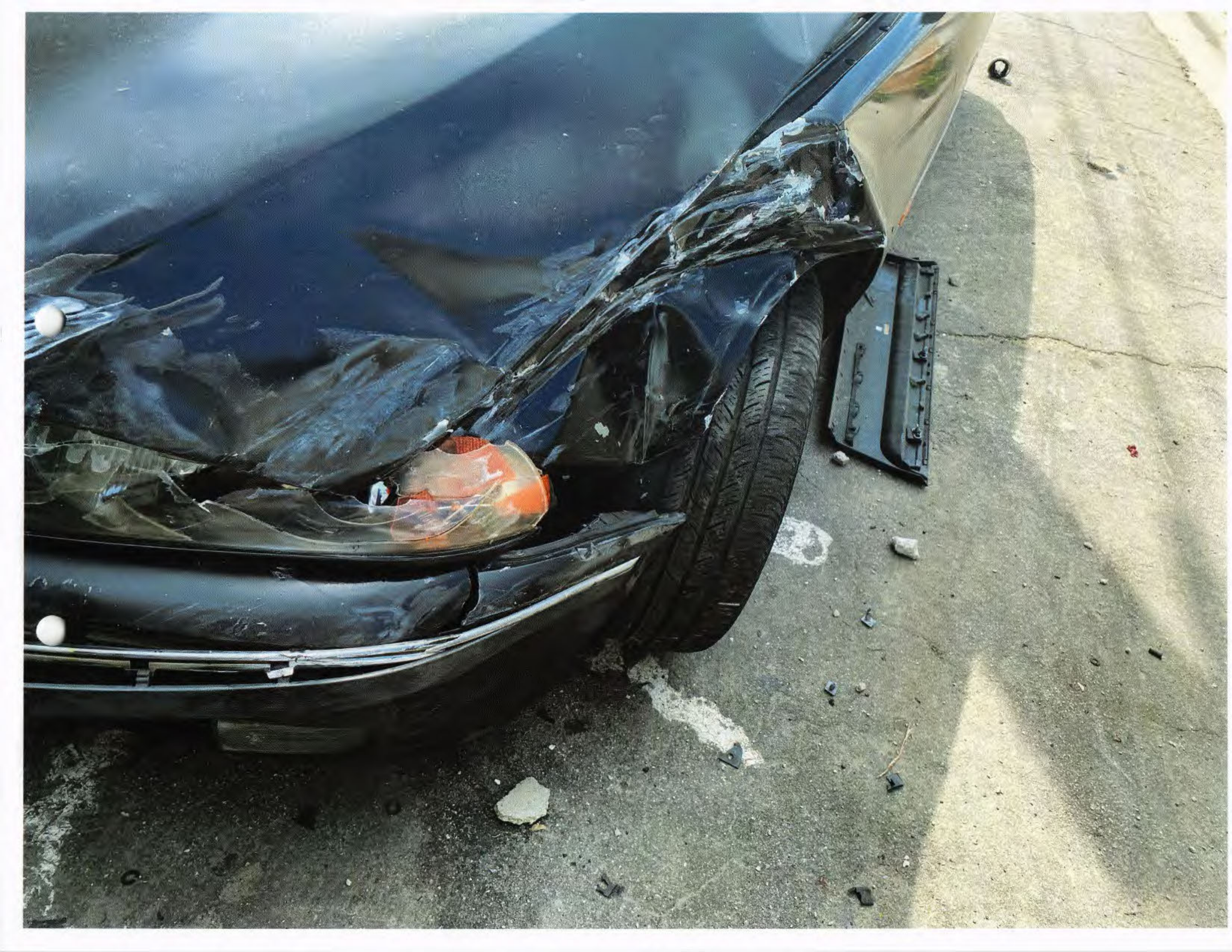
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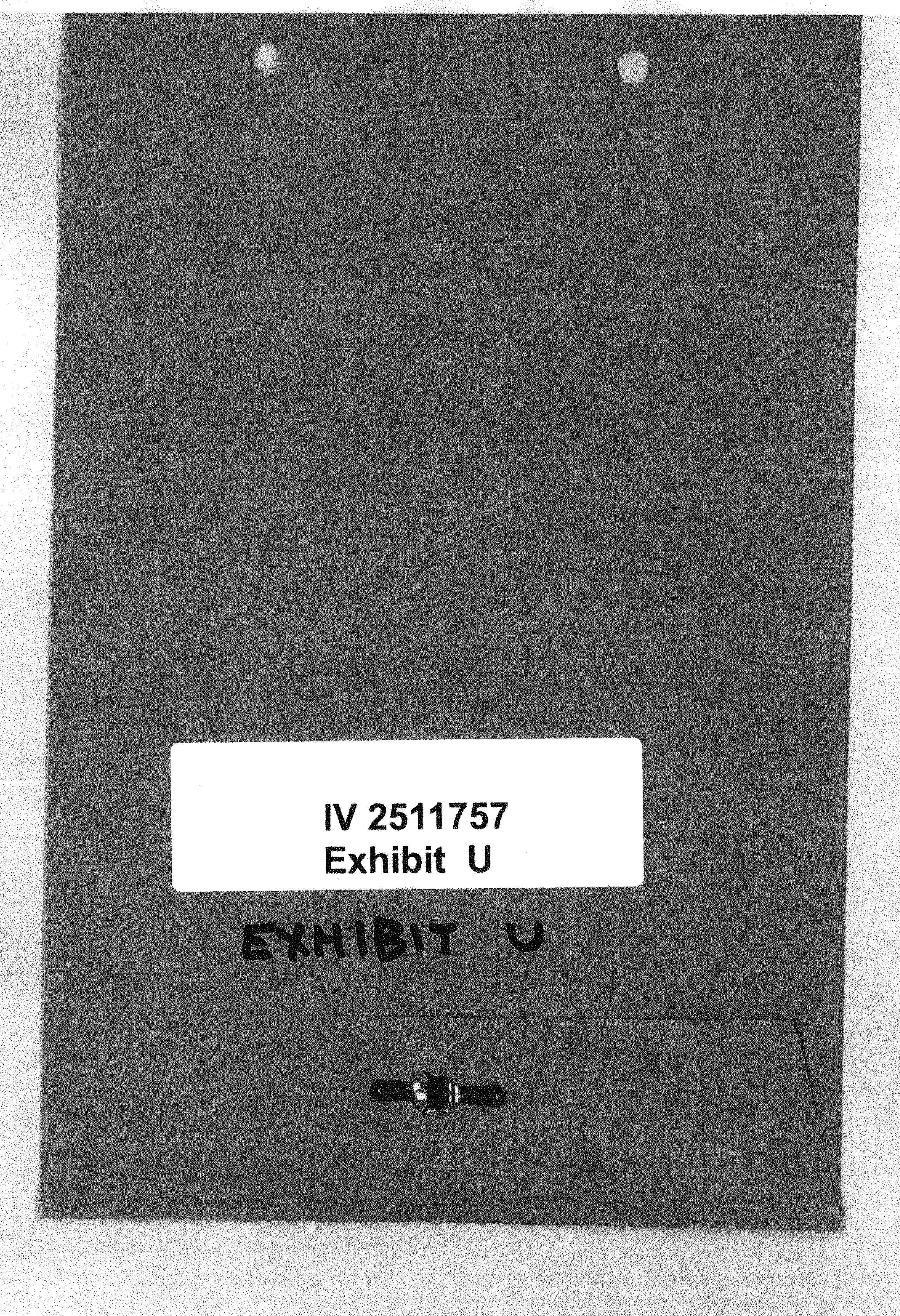
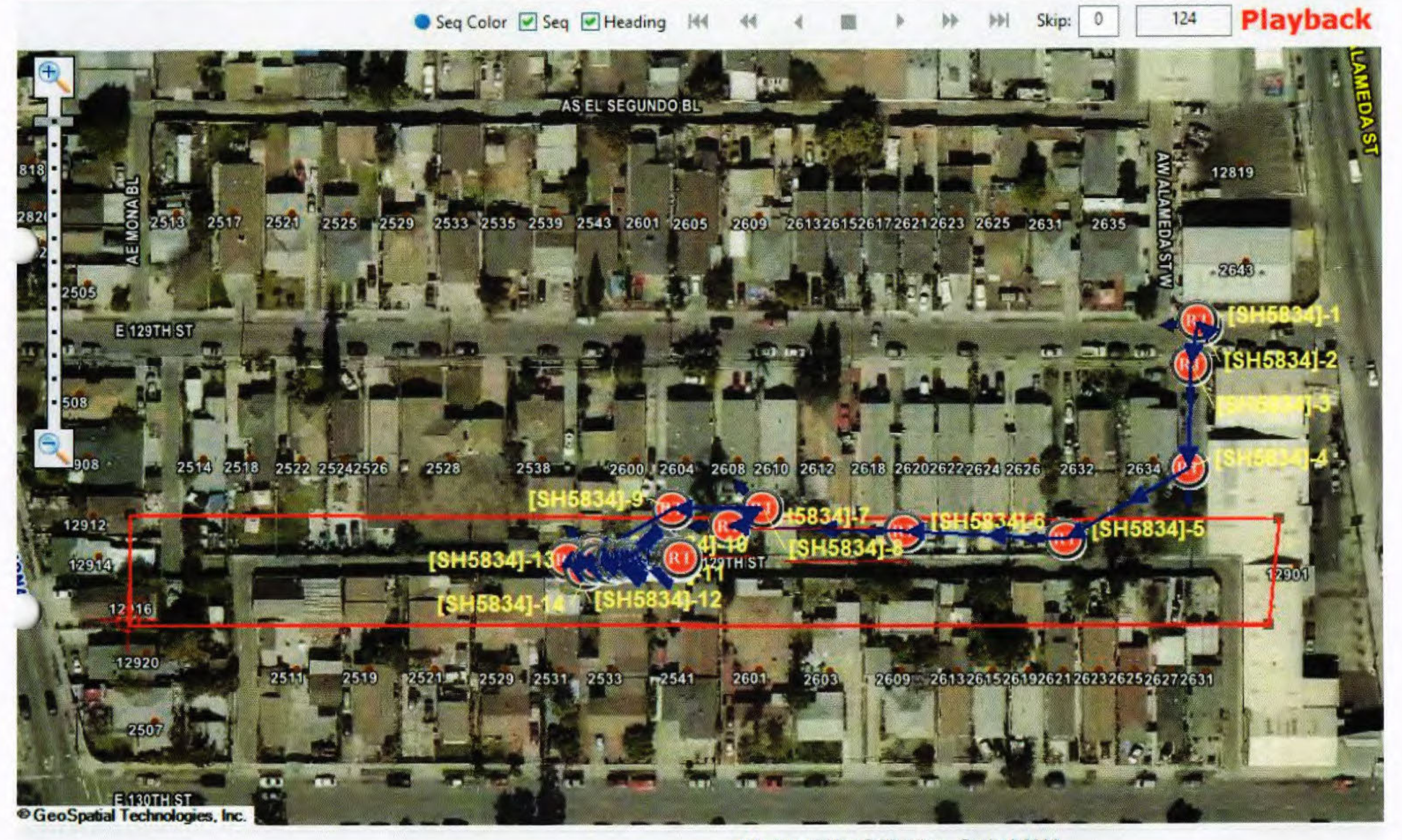

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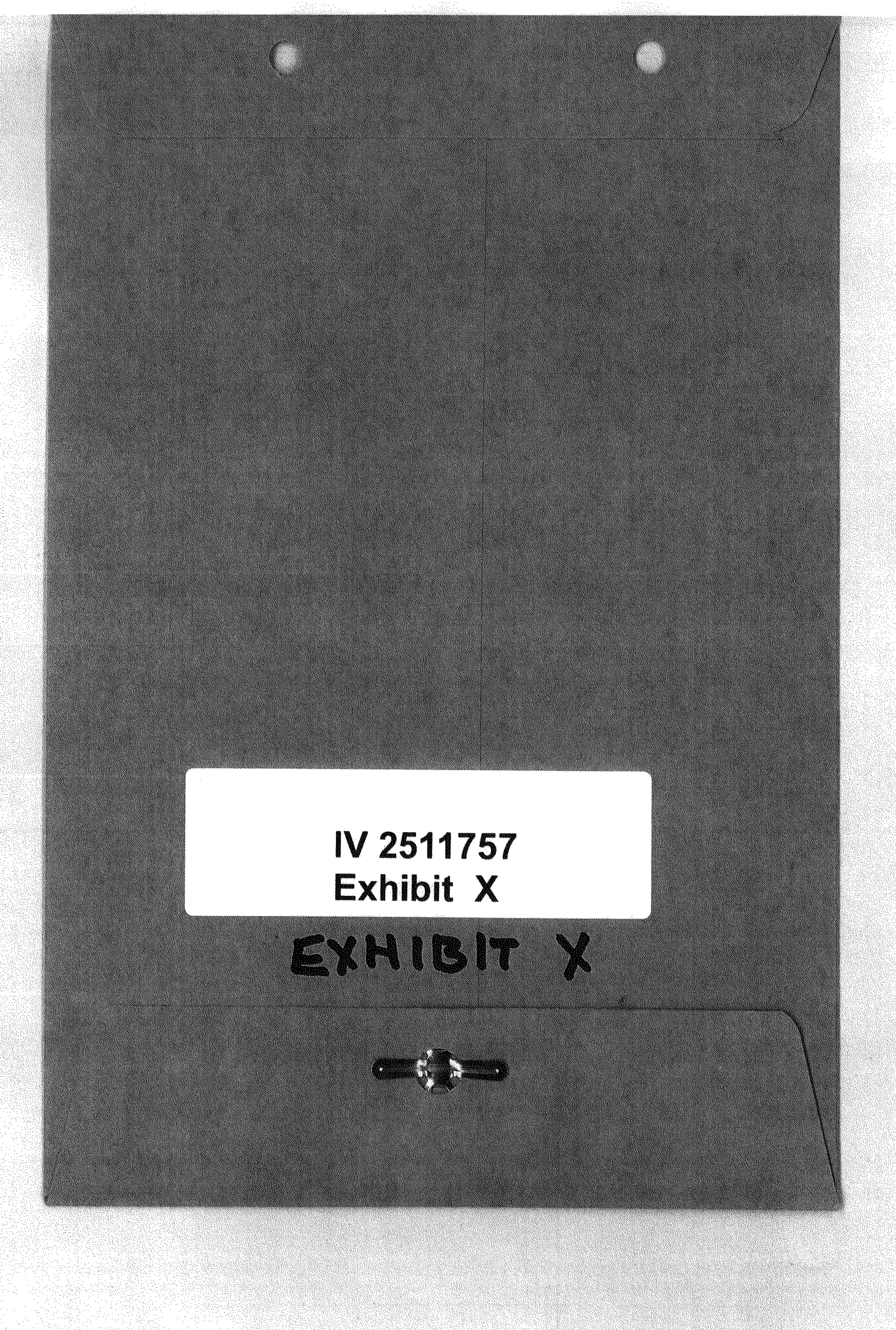

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04/13/2020
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04/13/2020 14:38:06 [PDT]
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MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

DATE	TYPE OF REPORT	OLD URN
04-14-20	[x] ACTIVE ☐ INACTIVE ☐ PENDING	920-04690-2822-399
ACTION: CORRECT/UPDATE LARCIS INFORMATION		NEW URN: 920-04690-2822-183

CLASSIFICATION 1 / LEVEL / STAT CODE
UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE (STIMULANT) 1550(A)H&S/M/183

CODE: V-VICTIM W-WITNESS I-INFORMANT R-REPORTING PARTY P-PARTY M-PATIENT S-SUSPECT SJ-SUBJECT

CODE	LNAME	FNAME	MNAME	SEX	RACE	DOB	BOOKING NO.

The purpose of this Supplementary Report is to change/update the listed URN for the reason(s) indicated below:

LARCIS Entered by: Date: 4-13
SCAN Entered by: Date: 4-13

- ☐ Change the retention from ______ to ______
- ☒ Change the statistical code from 399 to 183
- ☐ Add a second statistical code: ______ and a third statistical code (if any): ______
- ☐ Change the Reporting District from ______ to ______
- ☐ Add Weapons Used: ______
- ☐ Add Victim Vehicle Description: ______
- ☐ Reassign the case from ______ to ______
- ☐ Change the Classification:
  - OLD: ______
  - NEW: ______
  - ADD: ______
- ☐ Change the location of occurrence:
  - FROM: ______
  - TO: ______
- ☐ Other: ______

BY DEPUTY	EMPLOYEE NO.	APPROVED	EMPLOYEE NO.	TIME
VEGA, M	[redacted]4	SGT OROZCO	[redacted]23	4/14/20 1400
BY DEPUTY	EMPLOYEE NO.	ASSIGNMENT	SPECIAL REQUEST DISTRIBUTION	
HERNANDEZ, C	[redacted]97	DB		

STATION	UNIT/CAR NO	SHIFT	SECRETARY	DATE	TIME
COMPTON	284D	PM	HUGGINS	04-14-2020	1141



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

HALL OF JUSTICE

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

September 14, 2020

Mr. [redacted]

Dear Mr. [redacted]

ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION INTERVIEW REQUEST

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is conducting an administrative investigation into a matter in which you may be a witness or have relevant information.

It is our Department's policy to conduct complete and thorough investigations into complaints or allegations of violations of Department policy on the part of our employees; therefore, it is important that you be interviewed.

Please contact Sergeant Joe Morales at [redacted] or via email at [redacted] to schedule an interview in person or via telephone. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

If you have any questions, you may also contact Lieutenant Thomas Arellano at [redacted]

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

William E. Jaeger, Captain
Internal Affairs Bureau



15233 VENTURA BLVD., SUITE 1217
SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91403
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Abraham@TheAceLaw.com
Mariam@TheAceLaw.com

October 2, 2020

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Office of the Sheriff
County of Los Angeles
Hall of Justice
Alex Villanueva, Sheriff

Attention: William E. Jaeger, Captain
Internal Affairs Bureau

Re: Our Client [redacted]
Date of Incident: April 14, 2020

Dear Mr. Jaeger,

Please be advised that this firm represents [redacted] with respect to an incident that took place on April 14, 2020, for which we filed a governmental claim with the County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, and the City of Compton.

We are in receipt of your letter dated September 14, 2020 sent directly to our client requesting an interview with our client.

Please direct any and all communications regarding this matter to this firm and cease any and all communications - written and verbal - with our client.

We are also sending a copy of this letter to Sergeant Joe Morales vie electronic mail to the email address provided in your letter: [redacted]

Please contact our office if you would like to discuss further.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

Abraham Chuljyan
Mariam Danielyan
ACE Law Firm, P.C.

cc: Sergeant Joe Morales: jpmorale@lasd.org



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Designation of Attorney

TO: OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Re: Our Client: [redacted]
DOB:
Date of Loss: APRIL 13, 2020

Pursuant to Section 2695.2[c] of the California Code of Regulations, Title 10, Chapter 5, I hereby designate and authorize Abraham Chuljyan, my attorney, or any of his associates to handle my personal injury and property damage claim under the above-captioned loss.

ACE LAW FIRM, P.C. and/or its attorney's representatives are the sole designated and authorized representatives to settle or compromise my claim arising out of the abovementioned automobile incident.

This designation of counsel and authorization shall be valid from the date of execution until the claim is settled or the designator is dismissed from further representation. A designation may be revoked by the undersigned through a written letter, to the designated representing attorney, signed and dated by the claimant, indicating the designation is revoked and specifying the date of revocation. Any and all prior authorizations are hereby revoked by the undersigned as of the date of this authorization.

[redacted]
Client Name

Signature

10/2/2020
Date

Morales, Joseph P.

From: mariam@theacelaw.com
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2020 6:19 PM
To: Morales, Joseph P.
Cc: violet@theacelaw.com; abraham@theacelaw.com
Subject: RE: Our Client [redacted] Date of Incident 4-14-2020

---- This message is from an EXTERNAL SENDER - be CAUTIOUS, particularly with links and attachments ----

Dear Officer Morales,

My name is Mariam, and I'm the handling attorney in this matter. Thank you for your correspondence below.

Unfortunately, I cannot agree to the interview. I'm sure there will be a deposition in the case and you will be able to find out the information you seek.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,
Mariam

--
Mariam Danielyan
ACE Law Firm, P.C.

-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject:RE: Our Client [redacted] Date of Incident 4-14-2020
Date: Tue, 6 Oct 2020 00:28:38 +0000
From: Morales, Joseph P.[redacted]
To: Violet Canelo <violet@theacelaw.com>

Hello and thank you for the letter. I am an Internal Affairs Investigator with LASD assigned to investigate the traffic collision Jesus Alegria was involved in with one of our deputy sheriffs assigned to Compton Station on April 13, 2020. I would like to interview him as a witness in this matter at the IAB office in Commerce in the near future. Please contact me and let me know if Mr[redacted] can participate in the interview. I can be reached via email or phone at [redacted]

Thank you.

Joe Morales

LASD IAB

From: Violet Canelo [mailto:violet@theacelaw.com]
Sent: Monday, October 5, 2020 1:35 PM
To: Morales, Joseph P[redacted]
Cc: 'Mariam' <mariam@theacelaw.com>; Abraham Chuljyan <Abraham@theacelaw.com>; Saida Machado <Saida@theacelaw.com>
Subject: re: Our Client[redacted] Date of Incident 4-14-2020

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Our Client[redacted]| Date of Incident: 4-14-2020
Hello,
Please see attached letter of representation regarding our client, [redacted] relating to the above-mentioned incident.
If you have any questions, please contact our office.
Thank you,
--
Violet Canelo
Paralegal

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SH-AD-32A (8/17)

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

"A Tradition of Service Since 1850"

DATE: November 23, 2020
FILE NO: IV 2511757

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: WILLIAM E. JAEGER, CAPTAIN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

TO: JUDY A. ANDERSON, CAPTAIN
COMMUNICATIONS AND FLEET MANAGEMENT BUREAU

SUBJECT: GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM REQUEST

The Internal Affairs Bureau is conducting an investigation into an alleged incident involving Compton Station personnel that occurred on April 13, 2020, at approximately 1443 hours. The incident is being investigated under IV 2511757. In order to complete the investigation, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators require GPS coordinates for several units assigned to Compton Station at the time of the alleged incident.

Please provide the necessary information to the Internal Affairs Bureau at your earliest opportunity. Sergeant Joseph Morales is the assigned investigator and can be reached at [redacted] for further information on what specific GPS coordinates are needed.

If you have any questions, please contact Sergeant Joseph Morales or Lieutenant Thomas Arellano at [redacted]

WEJ:JPM:jpm

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: December 8, 2020

FILE NO: IV2511757

FROM: LA TONYA R. CLARK, CAPTAIN
COMPTON STATION

TO: ERNEST E. CHAVEZ, A/CHIEF
CENTRAL PATROL DIVISION

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR IAB INVESTIGATION AND/OR CRIMINAL MONITOR

Subject's name, rank, employee number, and unit of assignment:

Miguel Vega Jr., Deputy Sheriff Generalist, #[redacted]44, Compton Station
Christopher Hernandez, Deputy Sheriff Generalist, #[redacted]97, Compton Station

Incident Date(s):

04/13/2020

Date a sergeant, or above, became aware of an act, omission, or other misconduct:

04/13/2020

One Year Statute Date for an administrative investigation ____________ (If criminal monitor, leave blank)

Potential MPP Violation(s):

Relieved of Duty? (•) Yes ( ) No

Alcohol Related? ( ) Yes (•) No

Citizen Complaint? ( ) Yes (•) No If yes, SCR #: ____________

Complainant's Name (and employee number if a Department member):

Captain La Tonya R. Clark #[redacted]01

Synopsis:

The deputies were involved in an on-duty traffic collision. At the time of impact, a suspect was in in the backseat of their patrol vehicle, not handcuffed, and his seatbelt was not fastened; he sustained injuries as a result. In addition, there was a delay in providing the suspect medical attention after the collision.

*Update - Request for criminal investigation

REQUEST FOR IAB INVESTIGATION AND/OR CRIMINAL MONITOR (Cont.)

Reason(s) for IAB Request:
* Mandatory IAB Investigation

- ☐ Witnesses are spread over a large geographic area.
- ☐ The nature of the allegations(s) involves incidents of high media attention.
- ☐ The Subject is a supervisor or manager.
- ☑ The allegation(s), if founded, may result in discharge. *
- ☐ The allegation(s) concern family/domestic violence.
- ☐ The allegation(s) concern workplace violence. *
- ☐ The allegation(s) involve the Category 2 use of force in Custody Division. *
- ☑ Criminal Monitor (indicate investigating agency and crime).

LASD / ICIB
Falsify Police Report

- ☐ Other:

Contact for source documents at the requesting unit:
Lieutenant Nicole Palomino #[redacted]32

Prepared by:
Unit Commander or Director:
Captain La Tonya R. Clark[redacted]01

E-Mail to IAB Investigation Requests

NOTE: A review of the allegations will be conducted by the Internal Affairs Bureau in those cases referred to it for investigation. There may be situations when the Internal Affairs Bureau will decide, upon initial review, to return the case for a unit level investigation.

For IAB use only

Assigning Lieutenant ARELLANO

IAB Investigator SGT MORALES

761551N25A-SH-AD32A (2/72) Revised (September 26, 2016)

PM Shift In-Service, Compton — **Monday, April 13, 2020**

STATION SUPERVISORS		
W/C	[redacted]	VELOZ, O. [redacted]37
W/SGT	[redacted]	*OROZCO, S. #[redacted]73*
DESK OPERATIONS		
W/DEP	[redacted]	WHITMORE, J.#[redacted]36
DISPATCH	[redacted]	YBAVE, R. (LET) #[redacted]95
COMP1	[redacted]	PEREZ, C. (LET) #[redacted]53
COMP2	[redacted]	MORENO, V. (LET) #[redacted]27
COMP3	[redacted]	*DEHARO, P. (LET) #[redacted]53*
COMP4	[redacted]	
COUNTER	[redacted]	*SA RODRIGUEZ RAMOS, A. #[redacted]36*

FIELD SERGEANTS

UNIT	VEHICLE	HOURS	NAME	CODES
280S		[redacted]	FRANCO, V. #[redacted]16	M
281S		[redacted]		
285S		[redacted]	[redacted]	AZ P S X

TRAFFIC

UNIT	VEHICLE	HOURS	NAME	CODES
283T1	SH6383	1300-2300	SELF, D. #[redacted]62 (RNG OP)	
			HARRIS, J. #[redacted]99	
			SG6 SB6 TAS60	
283T3	SH5770	1300-2300 R	ROBLES, G. #[redacted]73	
			SG21	

CITY PATROL

UNIT	VEHICLE	HOURS	NAME	CODES
281E	SH6486	[redacted] R	DE AVILA, G. #[redacted]72	
			SG18	
281B	SH5743	[redacted]	BARLOW, J. [redacted]96	
			SG25	
281K1		[redacted]		
281D		[redacted]	HUBBARD, J. #[redacted]51	
			GALLEGOS, J.[redacted]#[redacted]07	
			SG20 TAS58 VEH5776	
282B		[redacted] R		
282K1		[redacted]		
282D	SH1291	[redacted]	SCHAPER , N. #[redacted]42	
			SG12	
283B		[redacted]		
283D	SH6255	[redacted] R	SANDOVAL, N. #[redacted]49	
			GARZON , C. #[redacted]39	
			1300-2300 hrs	
			SG3 TAS78	
283D1		[redacted]		
284B	SH6370	[redacted]	THEODORE, C. #[redacted]00	
			SG17 SB5 TAS44	
284D		[redacted] R	HERNANDEZ, C. #[redacted]97	
			VEGA JR, M. #[redacted]4	
			SG22 TAS79 VEH5834	

COUNTY PATROL

UNIT	VEHICLE	HOURS	NAME	CODES
285D	SH6531	[redacted]	BARAY, N. #[redacted]34 (RNG OP)	
			VASQUEZ, S. #[redacted]63	
			SG28 AR#266 TAS38	

COUNTY PATROL

UNIT	VEHICLE	HOURS	NAME	CODES
285D1	SH6350	[redacted]	*RUIZ, D. #[redacted]98*	
			CASTILLO, C. [redacted]#[redacted]9	
			SG10 SB10 TAS47	
287D	SH1056	[redacted] R	CONTRERAS, E.#[redacted]5	
			ARIAS, H. [redacted]43	
			SG23 SB1 TAS9	
287D1		[redacted]		
287B		[redacted]		

CITY OVERLAP UNITS

UNIT	VEHICLE	HOURS	NAME	CODES
286D		[redacted]		

COUNTY OVERLAP UNIT

UNIT	VEHICLE	HOURS	NAME	CODES
285K1		[redacted]		
287E		[redacted]		

COVID-19 HIGH VISIBILITY

281F4	[redacted]	RICO, G. #[redacted]32
		MONTOYA, I. #[redacted]56
281F3	[redacted]	WALKER, L. #[redacted]74
		CENICEROS VARGAS, S. #[redacted]17

COVID-19 HIGH VISIBILTY

280F	[redacted]	ROMERO, S. #[redacted]28
284A1	[redacted]	MUNOZ, R. #[redacted]71
		PONCE, S. #[redacted]1
285A1	[redacted]	REZA, B. #[redacted]41
		CELAYA, E. [redacted]6
287A1	[redacted]	SANDOVAL, J. #[redacted]4
		JIMENEZ, R. #[redacted]32

PATROL SECRETARIAT

Patrol Secretary	[redacted]	*RATLIFF, L. #[redacted]78*
Patrol Secretary	[redacted]	OLIVER, A. #[redacted]09
BACK-LOGS	[redacted]	*ALVARADO, M. #[redacted]11* [redacted]

NOTES

RESPONSE TEAM:
281E
282D
287D

COURT DATE(S):

MISDEMEANOR: 08/18/2020
JUVENILE: 07/07/2020

LEGEND: R=RESPONSE TEAM; A=AR-15; Z=ARWEN/SL6/SL1/Duce; M=Crisis Intervention Trained; P=Pepper Ball; R=Response Team (all levels); S=Stop Stick; G=Tear Gas; T=Traffic; C=Video; W=WMD; X=X-26 and X-26P;

ADULT DAY: ADULT NIGHT: JUVENILE TRAFFIC: MISDEMEANOR:

WATCH COMMANDER APPROVING TIME COPY — SGT S. OROZCO #[redacted]73 4/13/20

Today's Julian Date: 20104

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
"A Tradition of Service Since 1850"

DATE: July 6, 2020
IV NO: 2511757

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: LA TONYA R. CLARK, CAPTAIN
COMPTON STATION

TO: WILLIAM E. JAEGER, CAPTAIN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: SUBJECT OF ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION NOTIFICATION

SUBJECT EMPLOYEE NAME, RANK, AND EMPLOYEE NUMBER:

Miguel A. Vega Jr., Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]4

Department Knowledge Date (The date a sergeant, or above, became aware of an act, omission, or other misconduct):

04/13/2020

Potential MPP Violation(s) including, but not limited to:

3-01/040.97 SAFEGUARDING PERSONS IN CUSTODY

Nature of the investigation (general description):

It is alleged you were involved in an on-duty traffic collision and failed to secure an inmate, which caused injuries and delayed in providing medical attention.

You are advised that the authorization given by your Unit Commander to other supervisors to approve your routine absence requests has been rescinded. You are being ordered by your Unit Commander that during the time this investigation is active, any routine absence request must be submitted directly to him/her, and approval or denial of the request must come directly from them as well. You are additionally reminded of your responsibilities in submitting absence requests under **MPP 3-02/030.05 - ROUTINE ABSENCES.**

SUBJECT EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NOTIFICATION: (jmr) IAB

Subject: [signature] **Witness:** [signature]

Employee #: [redacted]44 **Date:** 7-6-20 **Employee #:** [redacted]32 **Date:** 7/6/20

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

"A Tradition of Service Since 1850"

DATE: July 6, 2020
IV NO: 2511757

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: LA TONYA R. CLARK, CAPTAIN
COMPTON STATION

TO: WILLIAM E. JAEGER, CAPTAIN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: SUBJECT OF ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION NOTIFICATION

SUBJECT EMPLOYEE NAME, RANK, AND EMPLOYEE NUMBER:

Christopher B. Hernandez, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]97

Department Knowledge Date (The date a sergeant, or above, became aware of an act, omission, or other misconduct):

04/13/2020

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SUBJECT EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NOTIFICATION: (jmr) IAB

Subject: [signature] **Witness:** [signature]

Employee #: [redacted]97 **Date:** 7-8-20 **Employee #:** [redacted]32 **Date:** 7/8/20

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

"A Tradition of Service Since 1850"

DATE: May 5, 2021
IV NO: 2511757

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: LA TONYA R. CLARK, CAPTAIN
COMPTON STATION

TO: WILLIAM E. JAEGER, CAPTAIN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: SUBJECT OF ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION NOTIFICATION

SUBJECT EMPLOYEE NAME, RANK, AND EMPLOYEE NUMBER:

[redacted] Sergeant, #[redacted]43

Department Knowledge Date (The date a sergeant, or above, became aware of an act, omission, or other misconduct):

04/13/2020

Potential MPP Violation(s) including, but not limited to:

3-01/040.97 OBEDIENCE TO LAWS, REGULATIONS AND ORDERS
3-01/100.35 FALSE INFORMATION IN RECORDS

Nature of the investigation (general description):

It is alleged you provided false information during the reporting of a traffic collision and approved reports containing inconsistent and/or false information.

You are advised that the authorization given by your Unit Commander to other supervisors to approve your routine absence requests has been rescinded. You are being ordered by your Unit Commander that during the time this investigation is active, any routine absence request must be submitted directly to him/her, and approval or denial of the request must come directly from them as well. You are additionally reminded of your responsibilities in submitting absence requests under **MPP 3-02/030.05 - ROUTINE ABSENCES.**

SUBJECT EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NOTIFICATION: **(jmr) IAB**

Subject: [signature] **Witness:** [signature]

Employee #[redacted]43 **Date:** 5-6-2021 **Employee #:** [redacted]CX **Date:** 05/06/2021

ADMINISTRATIVE RIGHTS (SWORN & NON-SWORN) SUBJECTS

I am Sergeant Joseph Morales and this is Sergeant Blanca Creta of Internal Affairs Bureau which is commanded by Captain William Jaeger.

You are about to be questioned as part of an official Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department administrative investigation.

Do you have access to the Policy and Ethics Chapter of the Manual of Policy and Procedures? [✓] Yes [ ] No

Are you familiar with its contents? [✓] Yes [ ] No

You are specifically reminded that Policy and Ethics Sections 3-01/040.70 and 3-01/040.75, require that you make full, complete, and truthful statements. Any refusal to do so may result in your discharge or other punitive action.

As a reminder, there may or may not be evidence in the matter we are about to discuss, whether already discovered/acquired or yet to be discovered. If available, such additional information, whether consisting of witness statements, video, audio, or physical evidence, will be taken into account by decision makers in this matter and will be evaluated in relationship to your answers to the questions we are about to ask in this interview.

The nature of this investigation concerns:

It is alleged you failed to properly secure an arrestee in your patrol car. It is further alleged there was a delay in providing medical attention to the arrestee after he was involved in a traffic collision.

If this were a criminal investigation, any statements you made could be used against you in a court of law. Since this is an administrative investigation, neither your statements nor any information or evidence which is gained by such statements can be used against you in any subsequent criminal proceeding. However, these statements may be used against you in subsequent administrative actions.

You are being ordered to answer questions specifically related to the performance of your official duties and/or your conduct as related to your employment with the Department.

You have the right to remain silent, and you have the right to the presence and assistance of counsel. You are hereby notified that although you have the right to remain silent, failure to answer questions directly related to this administrative investigation may result in your discharge or other punitive action.

You have the right to have a representative of your choice, who is not involved in this investigation, present with you during your interview. You may tape record this interview if you wish. **You are being ordered not to discuss the facts of this case or any of the issues discussed during your interview with anyone other than your designated representative or attorney in this matter.**

Signing this admonition does not constitute a waiver of your Civil Service right to not testify in person at a Civil Service hearing per Civil Service Rule 4.11, or your right to object to having your interview transcription entered into evidence at a Civil Service hearing

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The above admonition has been explained to me and I understand its contents.

Date: October 19, 2020 File Number: IV 2511757

Subject: [signature] (Signature) Mizauez Vega (Print Name)

Investigator: [signature] (Signature) Joseph Morales (Print Name)

Revised March 1, 2016

ADMINISTRATIVE RIGHTS (SWORN & NON-SWORN) SUBJECTS

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Do you have access to the Policy and Ethics Chapter of the Manual of Policy and Procedures? CA [x] Yes [ ] No

Are you familiar with its contents? CA [x] Yes [ ] No

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Date: October 19, 2020 File Number: IV 2511757

Subject: [signature] (Signature) CHRIS HERNANDEZ (Print Name)

Investigator: [signature] (Signature) Joseph Morales (Print Name)

Revised March 1, 2016

ADMINISTRATIVE RIGHTS (SWORN & NON-SWORN) SUBJECTS

I am Sergeant Joseph Morales and this is Sergeant Ernest Ferreras of Internal Affairs Bureau which is commanded by Captain William Jaeger.

You are about to be questioned as part of an official Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department administrative investigation.

Do you have access to the Policy and Ethics Chapter of the Manual of Policy and Procedures? [X] Yes [ ] No

Are you familiar with its contents? [X] Yes [ ] No

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The nature of this investigation concerns:

It is alleged you provided false information during the reporting of the traffic collision and approved reports containing inconsistent and/or false information.

If this were a criminal investigation, any statements you made could be used against you in a court of law. Since this is an administrative investigation, neither your statements nor any information or evidence which is gained by such statements can be used against you in any subsequent criminal proceeding. However, these statements may be used against you in subsequent administrative actions.

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Date: May 20, 2021 File Number: IV 2511757

Subject: [redacted] [redacted]

(Signature) (Print Name)

Investigator: Joseph Morales

(Signature) (Print Name)



LOS ANGELES COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

LYBARGER ADMONISHMENT

Due to the nature of this administrative investigation, Government Code 3303(h) requires me to advise you of your constitutional rights. Therefore, it is important that you understand that criminally:

*You have the right to remain silent.
*Anything you say may be used against you in court.
*You have the right to an attorney before and during questioning.

MIRANDA WAIVER

*Do you understand each of these rights that I have explained to you?



Yes X No ____________

*With these rights in mind, would you like to speak to me now?



Yes ____________ No X

LYBARGER WARNING

*While you have the right to remain silent with regard to any criminal investigation, you do not have the right to refuse to answer my questions administratively.
*This is an administrative investigation. I am, therefore, now ordering you to answer all of my questions fully and honestly.
*If you refuse to answer my questions, your silence can be deemed insubordination and result in administrative discipline, up to and including termination.
*Any statement you make under compulsion of the threat of such discipline is for administrative purposes only and cannot be used against you criminally.
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I understand my rights as described in the **Lybarger Admonishment** and **will / will not** discuss this matter with you administratively.

Subject's Name (Print[redacted] **File #: IV 2511757**

Subject Signature: [redacted] **Date: May 20, 2021**

Investigator Signature: ____________ **Date: May 20, 2021**

ADMONITION FOR WITNESSES (SWORN & NON-SWORN)

I am Sergeant Joseph Morales of Internal Affairs Bureau, which is commanded by Captain William Jaeger.

You are about to be questioned as part of an official Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department administrative investigation. You are here as a witness in a matter which concerns another employee. The complainant has not filed a complaint against you, and you are not under investigation as a subject in this matter.

Do you have a Policy & Ethics chapter of the Manual of Policy and Procedures? [X] Yes [ ] No CFG

Are you familiar with its contents? [X] Yes [ ] No CFG

You are hereby advised that the provisions of the Government Code, generally referred to as the Peace Officer's Bill of Rights, do not apply in this instance. You are specifically reminded that Policy & Ethics Sections 3-01/040.70 and 3-01/040.75, require that you make full, complete, and truthful statements. Any refusal to do so may result in your discharge or other punitive action.

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In the event the witness declines to answer questions on the grounds of self-incrimination, the witness/ employee shall be re-advised of his/her administrative rights as though he/she were a subject.

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The above admonishment has been explained to me and I understand its contents.

Date: 11/18/20 File #: IV 2511757

Witness: [signature] (Signature) GARZON, CHARLIE (Print Name) [redacted]39 (Employee #)

Investigator: [signature] (Signature) Joseph Morales (Print Name) [redacted]91 (Employee #)

Investigator: [signature] (Signature) BLANCA E. CRETA (Print Name) [redacted]07 (Employee #)

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Date: 11/18/20 File #: IV 2511757

Witness:	[signature] (Signature)	NESTOR SANDOVAL (Print Name)	[redacted]49 (Employee #)
Investigator:	[signature] (Signature)	Joseph Morales (Print Name)	[redacted]91 (Employee #)
Investigator:	[signature] (Signature)	BLANCA E. CRETA (Print Name)	[redacted]67 (Employee #)

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Date: 10/30/20 File #: IV 2511757

Witness:	(Signature)	SCHAPER, NICHOLAS (Print Name)	[redacted]42 (Employee #)
Investigator:	(Signature)	Joseph Morales (Print Name)	[redacted]91 (Employee #)
Investigator:	(Signature)	BLANCA CRETA (Print Name)	[redacted]67 (Employee #)

ADMONITION FOR WITNESSES (SWORN & NON-SWORN)

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	Signature	Print Name	Employee #
Witness:	[redacted] (Signature)	[redacted] (Print Name)	[redacted]13 (Employee #)
Investigator:	[signature] (Signature)	Joseph Morales (Print Name)	[redacted]1 (Employee #)
Investigator:	[signature] (Signature)	BLANCA E. CRETA (Print Name)	[redacted]67 (Employee #)

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: June 24, 2020

FILE NO: IV2511757

April Tardy

FROM: ERNEST E. CHAVEZ, A/CHIEF
CENTRAL PATROL DIVISION

TO: WILLIAM E. JAEGER, CAPTAIN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR IAB INVESTIGATION AND/OR CRIMINAL MONITOR

Subject's name, rank, employee number, and unit of assignment:

Miguel Vega Jr. #[redacted]44, Compton Station
Christopher Hernandez #[redacted]97, Compton Station

Incident Date(s):

04/13/2020

Date a sergeant, or above, became aware of an act, omission, or other misconduct:

04/13/2020

One Year Statute Date for an administrative investigation 04/11/2021 (If criminal monitor, leave blank)

Potential MPP Violation(s):

3-01/040.97, Safeguarding Persons in Custody
3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards

Relieved of Duty? ○ Yes ◉ No

Alcohol Related? ○ Yes ◉ No

Citizen Complaint? ○ Yes ◉ No If yes, SCR #:

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Complainant's Name (and employee number if a Department member):

Captain La Tonya R. Clark

Synopsis:

The deputies were involved in an on-duty traffic collision. At the time of impact, a suspect was in in the backseat of their patrol vehicle, not handcuffed, and his seatbelt was not fastened; he sustained injuries as a result. In addition, there was a delay in providing the suspect medical attention after the collision.

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REQUEST FOR IAB INVESTIGATION AND/OR CRIMINAL MONITOR (Cont.)

Reason(s) for IAB Request:
* Mandatory IAB Investigation

- ☐ Witnesses are spread over a large geographic area.
- ☐ The nature of the allegations(s) involves incidents of high media attention.
- ☐ The Subject is a supervisor or manager.
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- ☐ The allegation(s) concern family/domestic violence.
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- ☐ The allegation(s) involve the Category 2 use of force in Custody Division. *
- ☐ Criminal Monitor (indicate investigating agency and crime).
- ☐ Other:

Contact for source documents at the requesting unit:
Lieutenant Nicole Palomino [redacted]32

Prepared by:
Unit Commander or Director:
Captain La Tonya R. Clark

E-Mail to IAB Investigation Requests

NOTE: A review of the allegations will be conducted by the Internal Affairs Bureau in those cases referred to it for investigation. There may be situations when the Internal Affairs Bureau will decide, upon initial review, to return the case for a unit level investigation.

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Assigning Lieutenant J. Devane

IAB Investigator J. MORALES

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: May 5, 2021

FILE NO: IV2511757

FROM: April Tardy
APRIL L. TARDY, CHIEF
CENTRAL PATROL DIVISION

TO: WILLIAM E. JAEGER, CAPTAIN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR IAB INVESTIGATION AND/OR CRIMINAL MONITOR

Subject's name, rank, employee number, and unit of assignment:

[redacted] Sergeant, [redacted]43, Compton Station

Incident Date(s):

04/13/2020

Date a sergeant, or above, became aware of an act, omission, or other misconduct:

04/13/2020

One Year Statute Date for an administrative investigation ____________ (If criminal monitor, leave blank)

Potential MPP Violation(s):

3-01/050.10, MPP, PERFORMANCE TO STANDARDS

Relieved of Duty? ○ Yes ◉ No

Alcohol Related? ○ Yes ◉ No

Citizen Complaint? ○ Yes ◉ No If yes, SCR #: ____________

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Complainant's Name (and employee number if a Department member):

Captain La Tonya R. Clark

Synopsis:

Deputy Vega #[redacted]44 and Deputy Hernandez #[redacted]97 arrested an individual for being under the influence. Prior to his transportation to CRDF booking, they did not handcuff him or fasten his seatbelt. While in transit, the deputies were involved in a traffic collision and the suspect was injured; there was a delay in providing the suspect medical attention. During the an investigation, inconsistencies were discovered in written reports approved by Sergeant Magana.

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The case associated with this request is IV2511757, Subjects Hernandez an Vega, is currently being investigated by ICIB.

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IAB Investigator ____________________

3-01/030.10 - Obedience to Laws, Regulations, and Orders

a) Members shall not willfully violate any federal statute, state law or local ordinance;

b) Members shall conform to and abide by the following:

- Charter of Los Angeles County;
- Los Angeles County Code; and
- Rules of the Department of Human Resources;

c) Members shall obey and properly execute all lawful orders issued by any supervisor of higher rank or classification or who is officially acting in such capacity;

d) When assigned to duty with another member of the Department, an employee shall be subject to disciplinary action for any violation by the other member of any provision of this chapter unless the employee was unaware of the violation or unless the employee, if the situation permits safe and prudent action, attempts in good faith to prevent the violation and, at the earliest reasonable time, reports the violation to his supervisor;

e) Members who violate any rules, regulations, or policies of the Department or the County, shall be subject to disciplinary action. The commission or omission of any other act contrary to good order and discipline shall also be the subject of disciplinary action;

f) Members who are arrested or detained for any offense, or named as a suspect, other than an infraction under the Vehicle Code, shall immediately notify their immediate supervisor or Watch Commander of the facts of the arrest or detention or allegation.

> After business hours, if the member is unable to contact their immediate supervisor or Watch Commander at the Unit of Assignment, the member shall contact Sheriff's Headquarters Bureau and request immediate notification to their Unit Commander. The member shall provide details of the arrest or detention to Sheriff's Headquarters Bureau, including alleged charge(s), location, police agency jurisdiction, and return phone number where the member can be reached, for relay to the Unit Commander. The Sheriff's Headquarters Bureau member receiving notification shall immediately notify the employee's Unit Commander.
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> The Unit Commander shall immediately notify Internal Affairs Bureau. The employee's Unit Commander shall immediately respond to the member's location if the member is arrested and taken into custody.

According to the nature of the offense and in conformance with the rules of the Department of Human Resources, disciplinary action may result and may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- a reprimand (written);
- suspension without pay;
- reduction in rank; and/or
- dismissal from the Department.

NOTE: For purposes of this section, any reference to "members" shall include any member of the Department, both sworn and professional staff.

Revised: 12/12/2013

3-01/040.97 - Safeguarding Persons in Custody

Members having in their custody any person under arrest or detention shall properly safeguard such person and his property.

Revised: 4/1/1996

3-01/100.35 - Dishonesty/False Information in Department Records

Members shall not create false official records. Members shall not knowingly or willingly enter, or cause to be entered, in any Department books, records, memoranda, reports, computer, or electronic data systems, any inaccurate, false, or improper police information or material matter. Department members who violate this section are subject to discipline up to and including discharge.

Revised: 11/24/2015



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

October 5, 2022

Deputy Christopher B. Hernandez, #[redacted]97
[redacted]

Dear Deputy Hernandez:

LETTER OF INTENT

You are hereby notified that it is the intention of the Sheriff's Department to discharge you from your position of Deputy Sheriff, Item No. 2708A, with this Department, effective the close of business October 5, 2022.

An investigation under IAB File Number IV 2511757, conducted by Internal Affairs Burau, coupled with your own statements, has established the following:

1. That in violation of the Department's Manual of Policy and Procedures Sections 3-01/030.05, General Behavior; and/or 3-01/030.10, Obedience to Laws, Regulations, and Orders [as it pertains to 3-10/150.00, Tactical Incidents; and/or 5-09/520.20, Logging Public Contacts; and/or 5-09/520.10, Backseat Detentions]; and/or 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards, on or about April 13, 2020, while on-duty and assigned to Compton Station, you failed to conform to the standards established for your rank of deputy sheriff and/or failed to perform your duties in a manner which would tend to establish and maintain the highest standard of efficiency in carrying out the functions and objectives of the Department, when you used tactics which failed to comply with Department policies, and/or procedures, and/or training. You demonstrated undesirable and/or unprofessional behavior and/or failed to adhere to

standards which brought discredit and embarrassment upon yourself, and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department as evidenced by, but not limited to the following:

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b. failing to coordinate and/or request assistance and/or back-up with additional Compton units regarding a group of individuals interfering with an active investigation and/or a hostile crowd at Wilson Park; and/or,

c. failing to log or document a backseat detention in an electronic Deputy's Daily Worksheet through the Mobile Digital Computer (MDC) or Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system; and/or,

d. failing to properly obtain and verify the identity of Mr. [redacted] by utilizing Department resources (i.e., BlueCheck - provides identity *verification*, age *verification*, and photo ID *verification)*; and/or,

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substance (stimulant), contradicting the testimony of all civilian witnesses, the treating emergency medical technician, and involved sworn personnel.

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The Sheriff's Department reserves the right to amend and/or add to this letter.

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

Ron Kopperud, Captain
Internal Affairs Bureau

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(Professional Standards Division – Internal Affairs Bureau)

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ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

October 13, 2022

Deputy Christopher B. Hernandez, #[redacted]97
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AMENDED LETTER OF INTENT

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

HALL OF JUSTICE

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

November 10, 2022

Date of Department Hire 04/25/2007

Deputy Christopher B. Hernandez, #[redacted]97
[redacted]

Dear Deputy Hernandez:

LETTER OF IMPOSITION

On October 13, 2022, you were served with a Letter of Intention indicating your right to respond to the Sheriff's Department's pending disciplinary action against you, as reported under IAB File Number IV 2511757. You were also advised of your right to review the material on which the discipline was based.

You did not exercise your right to respond. The grievance period involved has now elapsed, with no change in discipline.

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Additional facts for this decision are set forth in the Disposition Worksheet, Investigative Summary and Investigative Packet, which are incorporated herein by reference.

In taking this disciplinary action, your record with this Department has been considered, and a thorough review of this incident has been made by Department executives, including your Unit and Division Commanders.

You may appeal the Department's action in this matter pursuant to Rules 4.02, 4.05 and 18.02 of the Civil Service Rules.

You may, if you so desire, within fifteen (15) business days from the date of service of this notice of discharge, request a hearing on these charges before the Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission, 500 W. Temple Street, Room 522, Los Angeles, California 90012.

If you have any questions, you may contact Vincent Estrada, of Internal Affairs Bureau, at (323) 890-5336.

The Sheriff's Department reserves the right to amend and/or add to this letter.

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

April Tardy

APRIL L. TARDY, CHIEF
CENTRAL PATROL DIVISION

ALT:JMR:jr
(Professional Standards Division – Internal Affairs Bureau)

IAB FILE NO. IV 2511757

Attachments:
Signature Page

c: April L. Tardy, Chief, Central Patrol Division
Terrance L. Bell, Captain, Compton Station
Anthony L. Blanchard, Captain, Personnel Administration Bureau/Department Personnel File
Doreen Garcia, Administrative Services Manager III, Pay, Leaves, and Records Units
Vincent Estrada, Operations Assistant I, Internal Affairs Bureau
Vince Vasquez, Operations Assistant I, Advocacy Unit

October 4, 2022

Deputy Miguel A. Vega Jr., [redacted]44
[redacted]

Dear Deputy Vega:

LETTER OF INTENT

You are hereby notified that it is the intention of the Sheriff's Department to discharge you from your position of deputy sheriff, Item No. 2708A, with this Department, effective the close of business October 27, 2022.

An investigation under IAB File Number IV2511757, conducted by Internal Affairs Bureau, coupled with your own statements, has established the following:

1. That in violation of the Department's Manual of Policy and Procedures Sections 3-01/030.05, General Behavior; and/or 3-01/030.10, Obedience to Laws, Regulations, and Orders [as it pertains to 3-10/150.00, Tactical Incidents; and/or 5-09/520.20, Logging Public Contacts; and/or 5-09/520.10, Backseat Detentions]; and/or 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards, on or about April 13, 2020, while on-duty and assigned to Compton Station, you failed to conform to the standards established for your rank of deputy sheriff and/or failed to perform your duties in a manner which would tend to establish and maintain the highest standard of efficiency in carrying out the functions and objectives

of the Department, when you used tactics which failed to comply with Department policies, and/or procedures, and/or training. You demonstrated undesirable and/or unprofessional behavior and/or failed to adhere to standards which brought discredit and embarrassment upon yourself, and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department as evidenced by, but not limited to the following:

a. failing to notify a supervisor regarding an uncooperative suspect who appeared to be under the influence of a controlled substance (violation of Health & Safety Code, 11550) and who allegedly challenged you and your partner to a fight; and/or,

b. failing to coordinate and/or request assistance and/or back-up with additional Compton units regarding a group of individuals interfering with an active investigation and/or a hostile crowd at Wilson Park; and/or,

c. failing to log or document a backseat detention in an electronic Deputy's Daily Worksheet through the Mobile Digital Computer (MDC) or Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system; and/or,

d. failing to properly obtain and verify the identity of Mr. [redacted] by utilizing Department resources (i.e., BlueCheck - provides identity verification, age verification, and photo ID verification); and/or,

e. failing to provide Mr. [redacted] with a valid reason as to why he was being detained in the backseat of a patrol vehicle.

2. That in violation of the Department's Manual of Policy and Procedures Sections 3-01/30.05, General Behavior; and/or 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards, on or about April 13, 2020, while on-duty and assigned to Compton Sheriff Station, you failed to conform to the standards established for your rank of deputy sheriff and/or failed to perform your duties in a manner which would tend to establish and maintain the highest standard of efficiency in carrying out the functions and objectives of the Department, when you failed to establish probable cause and conducted an involuntary movement of a detainee initiating a de facto arrest. You failed to adhere to standards which brought discredit and embarrassment upon yourself, and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department as evidenced by, but not limited to the following:

a. failing to conduct field sobriety tests to establish probable cause prior to an involuntary transport of Mr. [redacted] for the violation of Health & Safety Code, 11550, Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance; and/or,

b. reporting Mr. [redacted] pupils to be dilated to 7 millimeters without use of a pupilometer; and/or,

c. reporting Mr. [redacted] having an elevated pulse with insufficient and inadequate assessment of his radial pulse.

3. That in violation of the Department's Manual of Policy and Procedures Section 3-01/090.07, Use of Seatbelts, on or about April 13, 2020, you, while on-duty and assigned to Compton Station you failed to exercise appropriate safety procedures, when you failed to utilize the factory installed seatbelt while operating a patrol vehicle.

4. That in violation of the Department's Manual of Policy and Procedures Sections 3-01/040.97, Safeguarding Persons in Custody; and/or 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards; and/or 3-01/090.07, Use of Seatbelts, on or about April 13, 2020, you while on-duty and assigned to Compton Station failed to conform to the standards established for your rank of deputy sheriff when you failed to properly secure Mr. [redacted] in the back seat of a patrol vehicle, and/or drove at an unsafe speed, losing control of your patrol vehicle, and causing an on-duty collision resulting in injuries, and/or caused the delay of required medical attention, as evidenced by, but not limited to the following:

a. failing to adhere to protocols by placing Mr. [redacted] in the back seat of a patrol vehicle unhandcuffed and/or unseat belted; and/or,

b. driving Mr. [redacted] toward a person believed to be armed with a handgun; and/or,

c. driving a patrol vehicle at an unsafe speed, in an extremely narrow residential alley; and/or,

d. failing to immediately request fire department personnel to assess Mr. [redacted] for potential injuries caused by the traffic collision; and/or,

e. delaying medical treatment to Mr. [redacted]; and/or

f. failing to advise a supervisor of the presence of Mr. [redacted] in the back seat of the patrol vehicle immediately following the traffic collision.

5. That in violation of the Department's Manual of Policy and Procedures Sections 3-01/030.10, Obedience to Laws, Regulations, and Orders [as it pertains to 5-03/115.05, Field Release of Misdemeanor Prisoners; and/or 5-03/115.10, Field Release – Procedure], on or about April 13, 2020, while on-duty and assigned to Compton Station, you failed to conform to the standards established for your rank of deputy sheriff and/or failed to perform your duties in a manner which would tend to establish and maintain the highest standard of efficiency in carrying out the functions and objectives of the Department as evidenced by, but not limited to the following:

   a. releasing Mr. [redacted] in the field who was believed to be under the influence of a controlled substance; and/or,

   b. releasing Mr. [redacted] in the field, following a traffic collision that resulted in Mr. [redacted] sustaining noticeable injuries; and/or,

   c. failing to follow the protocol of release procedures.

6. That in violation of the Department's Manual of Policy and Procedures Sections 3-01/040.69, Honesty Policy; and/or 3-01/040.75, Dishonesty/Failure to Make Statements and/or Making False Statements During Departmental Internal Investigations; and/or 3-01/100.35, Dishonesty/False Information in Department Records, on or about or between April 13, 2020 to October 19, 2020, while on-duty and assigned to Compton Station, you failed to provide full, and/or complete, and/or truthful statements and/or failed to maintain a high level of moral conduct in keeping with the highest standards of law enforcement personnel, as evidenced by, but not limited to the following:

a. authoring a criminal report describing Mr. [redacted] as hostile, erratic, and threatening violence towards you and Deputy Hernandez, while obtained video footage of the incident contradicts your statements; and/or,

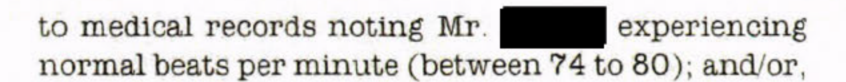
b. reporting a crowd of 15 to 20 gang members threatening and encroaching towards you and Deputy Hernandez as your rationale for hurriedly placing Mr. [redacted] in the patrol vehicle's back seat without handcuffs and unseat belted in contradiction to obtained videos of the incident; and/or,

c. reporting you and Deputy Hernandez were in fear of their safety, while video footage of you and Deputy Hernandez' body language and actions did not appear to support the concern they claimed in the criminal report and subsequent internal investigation; and/or

d. inaccurately reporting Mr. [redacted] pupils to be dilated to 7 millimeters without use of a pupilometer in contradiction to medical records describing no eye abnormality; and/or,

e. describing Mr. [redacted] behavior as consistent with an individual under the influence of a controlled substance (stimulant), contradicting the testimony of all civilian witnesses, the treating emergency medical technician, and involved sworn personnel; and/or,

f. inaccurately reporting Mr. [redacted] having an elevated pulse with insufficient and inadequate assessment of his radial pulse and in contradiction


to medical records noting Mr. [redacted] experiencing normal beats per minute (between 74 to 80); and/or,

g. falsely documenting Mr. [redacted] was placed into an assisting patrol vehicle immediately following the traffic collision, contradicting global positioning system data of all involved patrol units and/or your re-detention by Deputy Charlie F. Garzon away from the location of the traffic collision; and/or,

h. falsely reporting to Sergeant [redacted] that you provided care to Mr. [redacted] and placed in him in an assisting patrol vehicle immediately following the traffic collision.

Additional facts for this decision are set forth in the Disposition Worksheet, Investigative Summary and Investigative Packet which are incorporated herein by reference.

You may respond to the intended action orally or in writing. In the event that you choose to respond orally to these charges, you have already been scheduled to meet with Chief April L. Tardy, on October 27, 2022, at 10:00 hours, in her office, which is located at 211 West Temple Street, 8th floor, Los Angeles, California 90012. If you are unable to appear at the scheduled time and wish to schedule some other time prior to October 27, 2022, for your oral response, please call Chief Tardy's secretary at [redacted], for an appointment.

If you choose to respond in writing, please call Chief Tardy's secretary to cancel your scheduled appointment and send your response to the facts contained in this letter to Chief Tardy's office by no later than October 27, 2022.

Unless you are currently on some other type of authorized leave, pursuant to Rule 16.01 of the Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission Rules, effective immediately, you are on paid administrative leave which will continue during the fifteen (15) business days you have to respond to the intended discharge or until the conclusion of your pre-disciplinary hearing. If you are presently on an authorized leave, that leave will continue during the fifteen (15) business

days you have to respond to the intended discharge, or until the conclusion of your pre-disciplinary hearing.

Failure to respond to this Letter of Intent within fifteen (15) business days will be considered a waiver of your right to respond and will result in the imposition of the discipline indicated herein.

If you did not receive the investigative material on which your discipline is based at the time you were served with this correspondence, you may contact the Internal Affairs Bureau at (323) 890-5300, to obtain a copy of the case file.

The Sheriff's Department reserves the right to amend and/or add to this letter.

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

Ron W. Kopperud, Captain
Internal Affairs Bureau